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Intense Nazi Activity On Luxembourg Border

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London, To-day.

Germany's military preparations in the vicinity of Luxembourg and Alsace are taken to-day much more seriously than before in well-informed quarters in Paris, according to a French correspondent in the "Daily Telegraph."

The correspondent states that feverish activity has been observed in the Luxembourg-German frontier districts crossed by the rivers Our, Sauer and Moselle.

Day and night, detachments of German troops are engaged in building small forts. Barbed wire which prevented approach to ferry crossings on the Moselle between Oberbiling and Wasserbiling is being pulled down.

In the neighbourhood of Basle, German reinforcements are advancing towards the Rhine, especially in the direction of Loerrach.

Ten divisions have been concentrated in that area, three of them at Loerrach.

The Swiss military authorities, the correspondent adds, have called new classes of reservists to the Colours. The calling up was to take effect on Saturday but it has been advanced to to-day. — Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN VIBORG SITUATION

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

THE SITUATION IN THE VIBORG AREA HAS UNDERGONE NO IMPORTANT CHANGE. FIGHTING IS STILL CONTINUING IN THE CITY, WITH THE FINNS REVEALING THEMSELVES AS ADEPT AT STREET FIGHTING AS IN FIELD OPERATIONS.

The Soviet forces attacking across the Bay of Viborg have secured control of one or two islands, but all the main strategic points are held solidly by the Finns and Russian losses have been severe. — Reuter.

(Fuller reports on the Finnish Campaign Will be Found in Page 4)

CURFEW PROCLAIMED IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, To-day.
Curfew was proclaimed throughout Jerusalem last night as a result of further Jewish demonstrations against the new land regulations.

A few Jews were injured in scuffles.

Curfew has also been proclaimed at Tel-Aviv. — Reuter.

NAZIS WILL ATTACK COAL SHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Reliable reports from Germany state that the German air force has received instructions to wipe out British colliers from the seas, in order to prevent Britain supplanting the Reich in the Italian market.

It is understood the German air force will pay particular attention to British colliers loaded with Northumberland coal from Newcastle, since the German Government believes that Welsh and Scottish coal is not sufficient to compensate for the interruption of coal shipments from the Tyne.

The German General Staff believes that this drastic German action can prevent British coal supplies to Italy. — Havas.

BELGIAN EVACUATION PRECAUTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

THE PRECAUTIONARY EVACUATION OF THE POPULATIONS OF CERTAIN BELGIAN CITIES WAS DISCUSSED YESTERDAY BY THE PREMIER, M. PIERLOT, AND THE WAR MINISTER, M. JASPARS.

The Cabinet met to hear the report of the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, on the shooting down of Belgian aircraft by a Nazi bomber on Saturday. M. Spaak said he thought Belgium should accept Berlin's apologies and explanations. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East and north-east winds, moderate; fair generally with decreasing fog.

SEIZURE OF ITALIAN COAL SHIPS

NO ACUTE DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN CONNECTION WITH GERMAN COAL EXPORTS TO ITALY, POLITICAL CIRCLES STRESS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT PLAIN THAT BRITAIN IS READY TO SUPPLY ITALY WITH BRITISH COAL IRRESPECTIVE OF THE RESULTS OF THE ANGLO-ITALIAN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THEREFORE ITALIAN INDUSTRY WILL NOT SUFFER FROM THE EXTENSION OF THE BLOCKADE.

Diplomatic circles point out that British public opinion unreservedly supports the Government's firm action.

Meanwhile, in Rome, Italian press comment on the blockade of German coal is now less violent.

All the Rome newspapers reported without comment the fact that British warships had already diverted Italian colliers carrying coal to British contraband control bases.

Italian correspondents in Paris and London stress that the new British measures are directed against the Reich and not Italy.

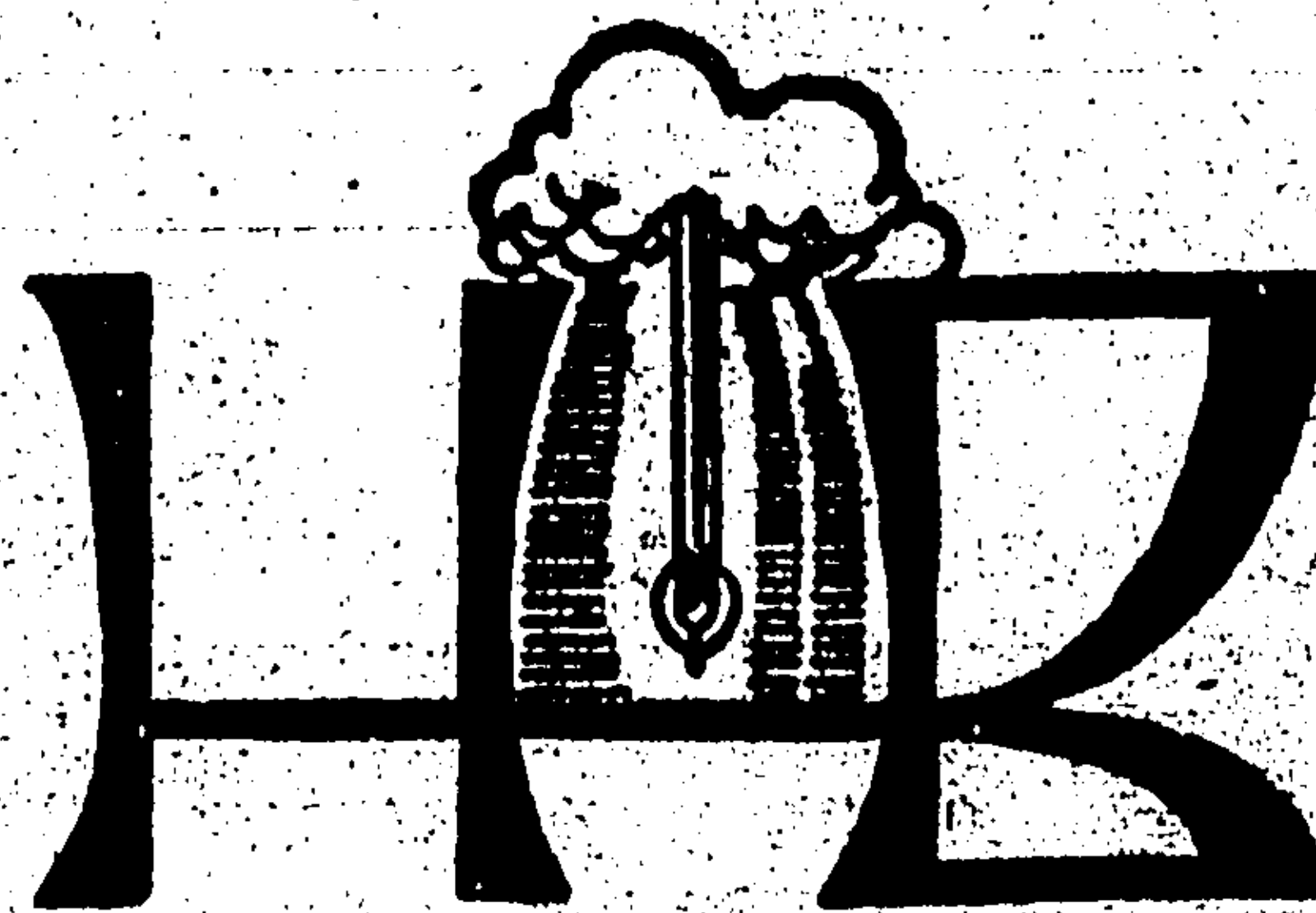
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RECONNAISSANCE OVER GERMANY

London, To-day.

British planes made another long reconnaissance flight over Germany last night, while French machines reconnoitred behind the Siegfried Line. — Reuter.

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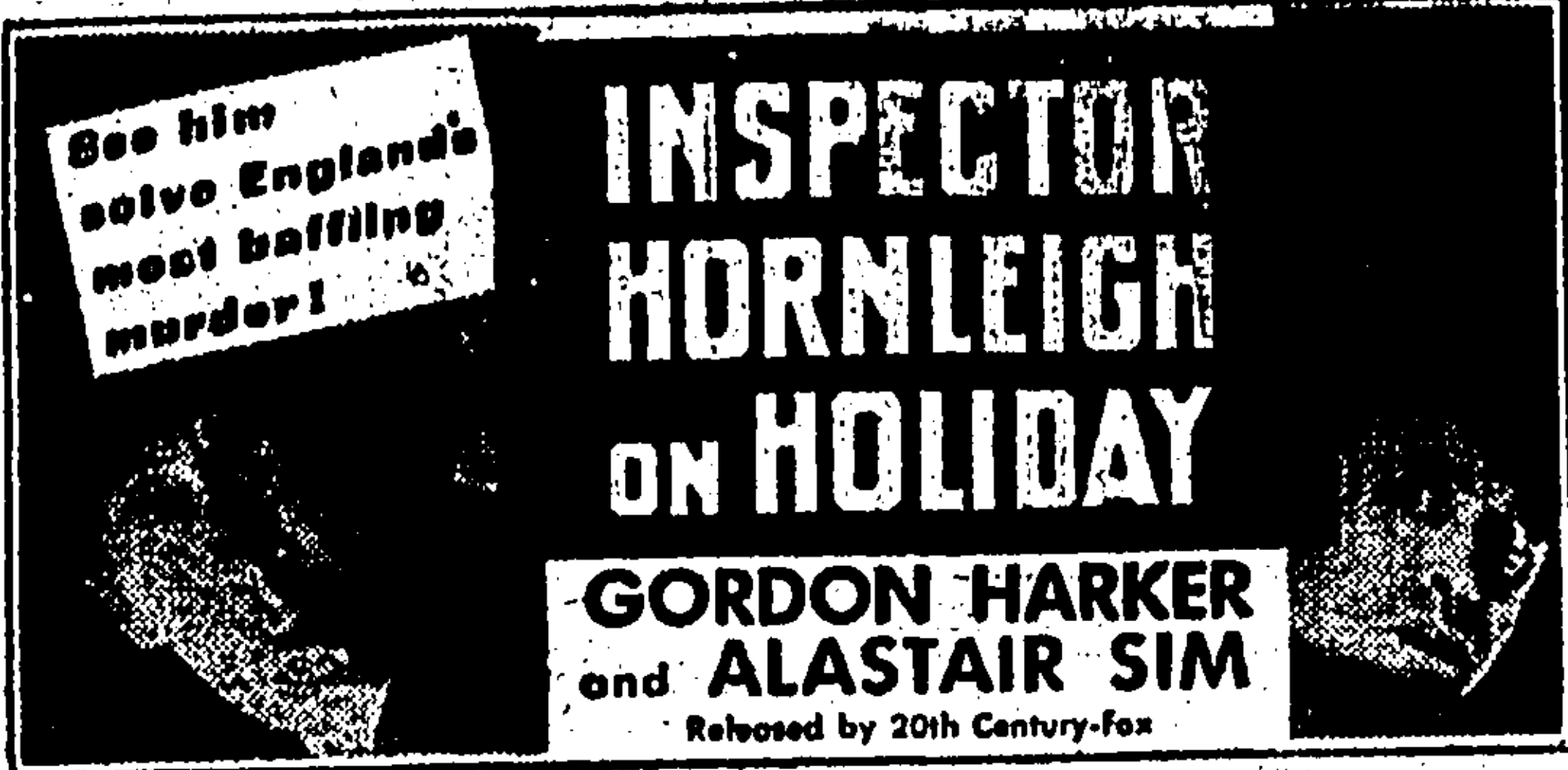


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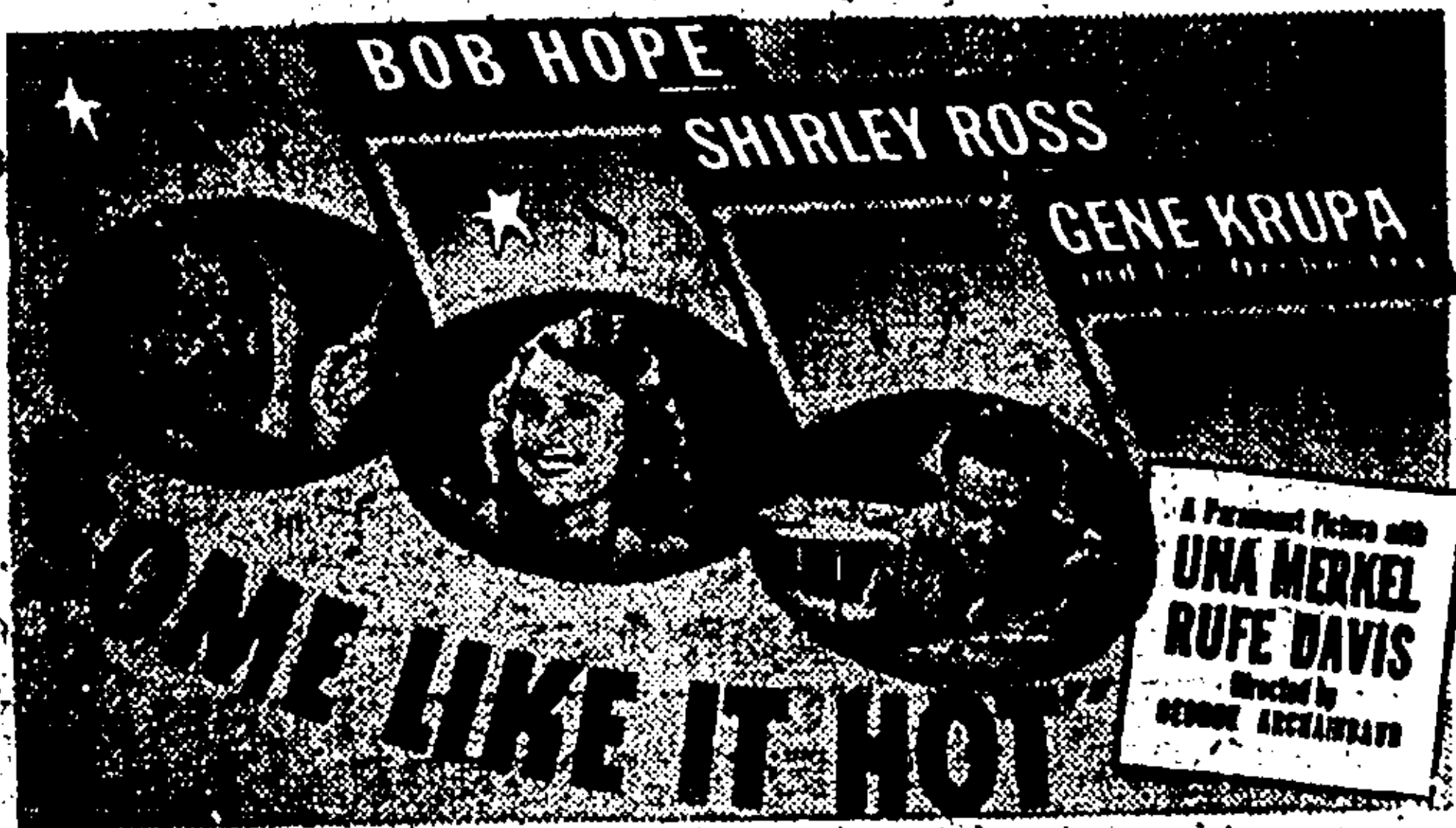
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"DOMALA" CHIEF OFFICER'S STORY

THOSE NAVAL CHAPS WERE SIMPLY GRAND

London, To-day.

AN INTERVIEW WITH Chief Officer Brawn of the British India ship Domala was broadcast from Daventry yesterday.

Just before 6 p.m. on Saturday, he said, the Domala was steaming along; it was fairly dark, but there was a certain amount of light from the waning moon.

He was the officer on watch at the time and was with the captain on the bridge. They were sailing along in fairly rough water when they saw a "big, black plane" coming towards them, flying very low. Its navigation lights were on, leading them to think it was "friendly—but that was just trickery."

The plane swooped past their masts and disappeared, dropping no bombs, firing no guns. They were just thinking that they were safe when the machine roared back and dropped a high-explosive and incendiary bomb, which hit amidships, went right through and exploded in the engine-room, sending smoke and fumes all over the ship.

Flames soon started to spring up, and the captain gave the order to abandon ship, while part of the crew ran to man the anti-aircraft gun.

stern with some of the passengers and crew.

LIFE-LINES

The destroyer tried to come alongside twice so that they could leap on board, but the heavy swell made this operation difficult, and they had to resort to life-lines fired from the warship.

He had a special word of praise for an engineer who was hurt in the first explosion. By some means, the man crawled through a shaft tunnel and up a perpendicular ladder. Twice the crew of a whaler tried to get across to them, but failed in the heavy seas.

Finally, they tied a life-line to him, fixed a life-belt around him and let him gently down into the water. — Reuter.

Indignation In India

Bombay, To-day.

Details of the attack on the "Domala" are prominently displayed in the Indian newspapers and the headlines reflect the horror and indignation felt at the outrage, which claimed a heavy toll in Indian lives.

The "Bombay Chronicle," organ of the Indian National Congress, says: "The Nazis have gone mad. They have lost all sense of reason, all instincts of humanity."

The newspaper considers that the brutality of the German airman is accentuated by the fact that the Indian victims were those whom the Germans had held prisoners since the outbreak of war but had consented to repatriate.

The "Lahore Tribune" says: "Reports of the butchery done by the Germans have created a wave of anger in India. India will not forget this act of Nazi brutality." — Reuter.

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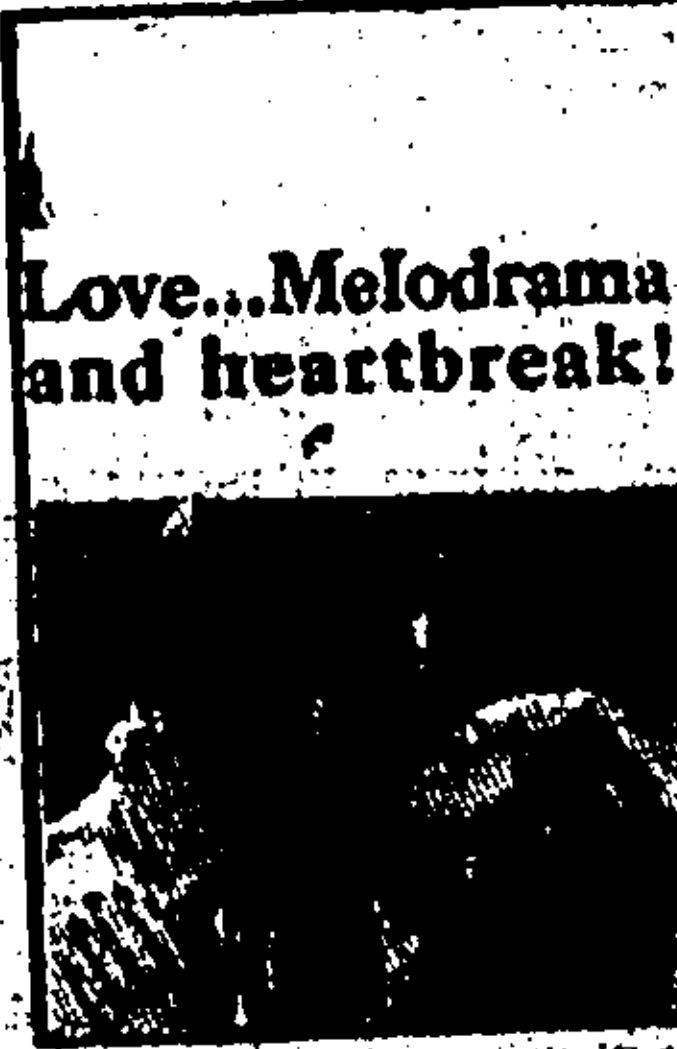
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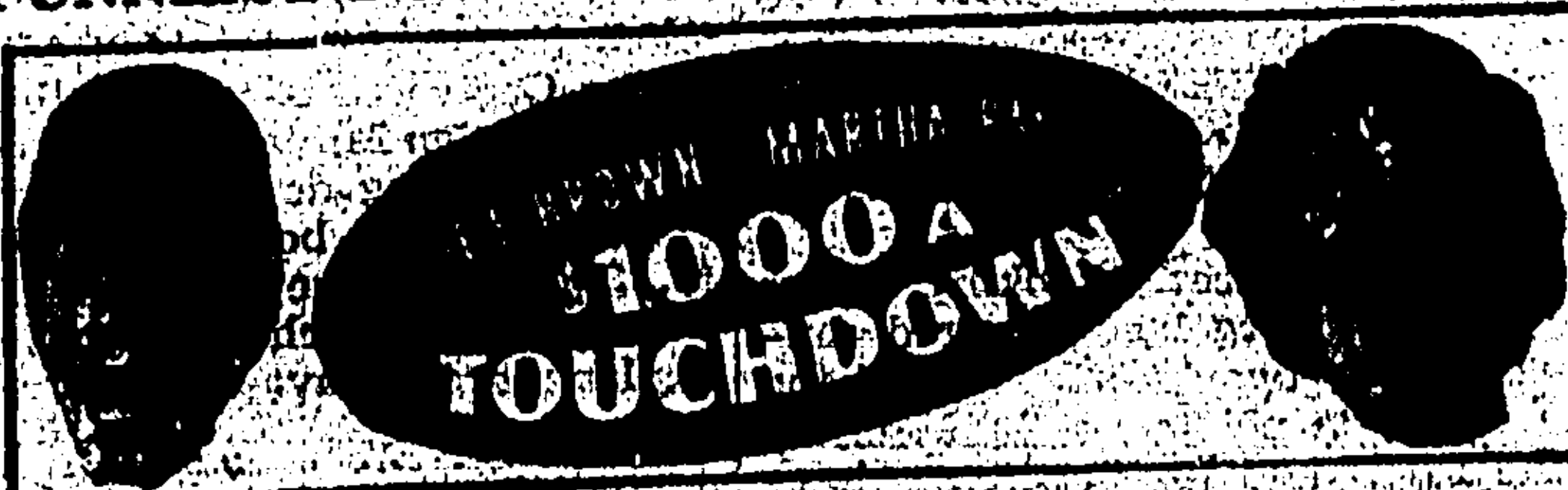
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WOMAN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER OF SMALL BOY

ACCUSED OF CAUSING THE DEATH OF A THREE-YEAR OLD BOY IN SHARP STREET ON JANUARY 23 BY HITTING HIM ON THE HEAD WITH THE OPEN HAND, FOO YUET-LO, A WOMAN, WAS CHARGED BEFORE SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR AT THE SESSIONS THIS MORNING. SHE PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO A MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

Mr. E. H. Williams appeared for the prosecution.

The jury was composed of Messrs. J. Wood, (foreman), Ho Ng-kwan, James Hung-tung, A. P. Silva, P. A. Elms, A. M. Remédios and Mau Leung-tseung.

Mr. Williams said deceased was the youngest son of a family of four sons and two daughters, who left their house at Matheson street to play in the street. The children purchased sugar cane and went to Sharp Street where they sat on the pavement outside No. 45.

Accused's son was playing with a ball and kicked it towards deceased's eldest brother and soiled his clothes. The boy took the ball and threw it into the gutter. A quarrel occurred and accused came on the scene. She reprimanded the boy for hitting her son and caught him by the hair and slapped him. The boy hit her on the leg with the sugar cane and wriggled free. As he turned round he saw accused hit his younger brother with the open hand on the head.

ILL AFTER SLEEP

The mother of the deceased appeared and a quarrel occurred after which the parties broke up.

At about 3 p.m. that afternoon, the deceased lad took his usual midday nap but on his awakening some time later, his mother observed that he was flushed and feverish. She kept him in bed and continued about her household duties. In the evening, deceased had a small meal and started vomiting, which continued throughout the night.

Next day, the child was taken to a Chinese doctor but there was no improvement and later another doctor was consulted.

Koo Kam, a widow, had witnessed the incident the previous day. She saw the boy's father carrying him with the mother following behind with a parcel of Chinese medicine. She talked to them and, as a result, the child was taken to the Police Station.

There the Inspector-on-duty saw that the child was in a bad way and had it removed to hospital where it died two days later.

INJURY TO BRAIN

The postmortem showed no external injuries and no bleeding. There were two bruises internally but no signs of disease. The cause of death was an injury to brain due to external force.

A constable was sent to arrest accused. After being duly warned, she stated that because the elder brother struck her, she slapped the boy. In answer to the charge later, she made nearly the same reply.

In the lower court, she changed her story and said the blow was struck by his own elder brother who, aiming a blow at her with the sugar cane, missed and hit deceased.

This, Mr. Williams said, was the first time she had mentioned this though she had ample opportunity when arrested and later when charged.

Tsang Wing-kee, the brother, Fung Wai-hing, the mother, Tsang Kwok-choi, the father, Koo Kam, and Kwok On, the constable who made the arrest, gave evidence.

Accused, in evidence, repeated her story that the blow which struck the boy was delivered by his own brother who missed her. She was giddy and weak when she made the earlier statements.

The case is proceeding.

PIRATE KIDNAPPERS

THREE WOMEN AND A MAN ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED BY FOUR ARMED PIRATES WHO RAIDED A FISHING JUNK OFF LAU FAU SHAN IN BRITISH WATERS ON SATURDAY.

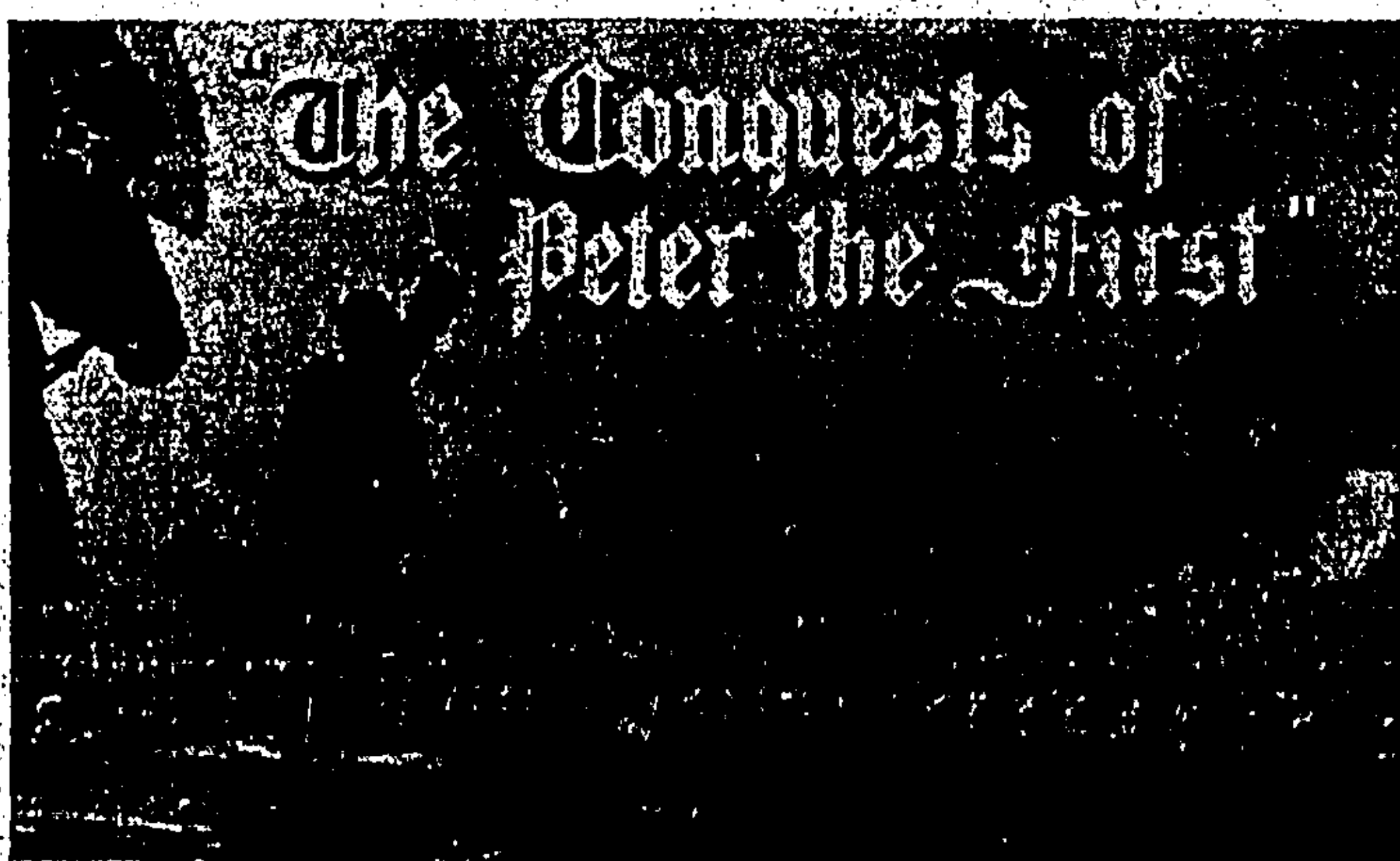
A report was made to the Police yesterday by Wong Hing, 23, a passenger who managed to escape.

According to Wong, he, his brother and four women were passengers on board fishing junk No. 938. At 6 p.m. four men boarded the junk and ordered him and one of the women to swim ashore while the others were herded into one of the holds.

The junk then sailed away. Nothing has since heard of the others.

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DEFENDERS OF VIBORG STILL DEFIANT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.
IT IS POINTED OUT HERE THAT the 34th Tank Brigade which has just been wiped out by the Finns was one of the Red Army's "show regiments."

It was always called on to parade in Moscow's Red Square whenever important visitors were present. They may have impressed the visitors, but they did not impress the Finns, who let them shelter behind their tanks and barricades for a month and then, when the Russians were reduced to eating their horses — communications having been cut off, the Finns moved in and wiped them out.

The Finns were calm throughout and took no risks.

At the end of the battle, they drove off Soviet planes trying to destroy

the Brigade's material before the Finns got hold of it.—Havas.

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN STREETS OF VIBORG

Helsinki, To-day.
The Soviets are still having to fight for the ruins of Viborg, which has not yet fallen. The main body of Finnish troops is now in the new defence lines north-west of the city and all Soviet attempts to outflank them across the ice of Viborg Bay have been beaten back.

President Kallio yesterday telegraphed his congratulations to Field-Marshal Mannerheim on the destruction of the 18th Division and the 34th Tank Brigade.—Reuter.

Finnish Communique

Helsinki, To-day.
A Finnish communique states that on the Karelian Isthmus the enemy made attacks all day against the islands in Viborg Bay and on the north-western beach.

Fighting continued at most places north of the Bay and at other places attacks have been repulsed. Fighting continues in the Kuhmo sector. Our troops repulsed Russian attacks and captured several enemy nests. Enemy losses were more than 500 killed.

Enemy air activity was confined to some flights on the Isthmus and over districts north-east of Lake Ladoga. Enemy losses were three planes.—Reuter.

NEWF'DLAND VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.
In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Eden said that following an exchange of views with the British Government, the Government of Newfoundland recently called for volunteers for 1,300 men for service with the Royal Artillery.

The men will be trained in the United Kingdom and posted as soon as possible.

The call for recruits had met with the most enthusiastic response, Mr. Eden said.—Reuter.

FIRE BRIGADE GOING TO FINLAND

London, To-day.
A volunteer fire brigade is being sent from Britain and is expected in Finland shortly.

A gift of £10,000 is being sent to Finland from the Paper Makers' Association.—Reuter.

GLOUCESTER FIGHTERS REACH FINNS

Stockholm, To-day.
It is learned authoritatively that the Gloucester-Gauntlet fighting planes, released by South Africa for the Finns, have arrived in Finland.

There has recently been a great speed-up in delivery of foreign aircraft and there are now more than 100 planes from America, France, Italy and Sweden in action, including over 50 British fighters and bombers.—Reuter.

JAPANESE LANDING AT CHUNGSHAN

Macao, To-day.

A few hundred Japanese landed on the east coast of Chungshan near Heung Chau and in Tongka Bay, according to Chinese reports.

The landing took place in a dense mist following shelling by several Japanese ships at 8 a.m. yesterday.

Some resistance was encountered when they were met by coastal units, but it is learned that no severe fighting occurred.

The situation in the area is still obscure. Some reports state that the Japanese are advancing towards the Macao-Shek-ki highway with the object of cutting communications between the two cities, while other messages claim that the landing party was only on a foraging mission.

No official reports have yet been received here.—Our Own Correspondent.

WINNING THE WAR

HALIFAX (NOVA SCOTIA), TO-DAY.

"WINNING THE WAR IS NOW OUR FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION," DECLARED THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE, READ BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR JOSEPH CHISHOLM, AT THE OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

He added that many other matters of interest and advantage to Nova Scotia must be postponed until that is achieved.

The speech revealed that Nova Scotia had taken steps to make the province's mineral resources more readily available for Canada's war effort.—Reuter.

BACK TO THE LAND

London, To-day.

Thousands of acres are being turned over in the most intensive agricultural effort this country ever known.

All over Britain in the past week, tractors have been going where conditions have permitted.

As Lord Denham stated in Parliament last week, they have been working right through the night. The best part of a million acres of the 1,500,000 acres allotted in England and Wales is ploughed already and, weather permitting, the two million acres which is the goal of this year's effort should be reached.—British Wireless.

CALM DAY "ON THE WHOLE"

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French communique said there was a calm day on the whole.—Reuter.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN THE COURSE OF A SPEECH DEALING WITH THE EXPORT COUNCIL, DELIVERED IN LONDON LAST EVENING, THE SECRETARY FOR THE OVERSEAS TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID:

"Nothing like the Export Council has been known in England before. Nor has the size of the problem they have to tackle.

The Council is an innovation born of the exigencies of war. The task is to see that British exports increase sufficiently to pay for materials we have to import to win the war."

The measure was forced on Britain by the conditions of the struggle, he continued, because much as it would be preferred to devote all industrial resources to the production of munitions of war, it was not possible to do so by reason of inability to borrow abroad.

CASH AND CARRY WAR

"To use an Americanism, this is a cash and carry war."

He proceeded to explain the duties of the Export Council which, he said, had no intention of forming rigid cartels but flexible groups estimating their own requirements needed to carry out their part in the scheme, and he continued: "There are two things about the plans I would like to emphasise.

"First, we are not trying to imitate the methods of the totalitarian states. On the contrary we are counting on the willing co-operation of our people. We hope too we shall have the willing co-operation of our customers.

NOT SEEKING MONOPOLY

"Secondly, we have no idea of taking advantage of the war to try and secure a monopoly of world markets. Even if we wanted to we could not spare the resources needed for such an effort.

"We have always preferred the ideal of a free exchange of goods among the nations of the world to the rigid bilateralism beloved by the totalitarians. We shall limit regimentation to the minimum necessity that war enforces on us.

"To neutrals we say we believe we can supply what you want and we are going to do our best to do so. That there are difficulties to be overcome in doing it we know. They will be overcome. We shall try to sell at a fair price and when we contract to deliver by a certain date we will do so. The Export Council will see to that.

NOT FORCIBLE FEEDING

"Our policy is not one of forcibly feeding foreign markets. We do not want to dictate to neutrals; indeed we cannot.

"We do, however, say two things.

One, if you want us to go on buying your goods rather than someone else's, you must help us by buying our goods in return.

"Two, we believe that victory in this war means the assurance of freedom and liberty in the world.

"Anything that strengthens our economy, anything that enables us to assure the necessary supplies of material to carry on the war, helps towards that victory. Anyone, too, wherever he lives, who helps to strengthen our economy by buying our goods makes his individual contribution to that victory of right over might."—British Wireless.

WHITE PAPER ON ORGANISATION

London, To-day.

The aims and plan of the work of the Export Council set up by the Board of Trade are set out in a White Paper.

The aim is summed up as "promotion of the greatest volume of export trade which can be achieved under the conditions of war."

Export trade is regarded by the Council as a factor so vital in the

war effort that no measure calculated to achieve the aim will be excluded from consideration. Machinery for accomplishing the desired purpose will be built on the normal trade structure, although it is recognised that war conditions require direction, guidance and support given by the Government to exporters to a degree not contemplated in peace time, and the White Paper specifically states: "Should exceptional circumstances arise in particular trades or over the whole field the Council will place no limit to the expedients they will be prepared to consider," and it is anticipated that a considerable diversion from home to export markets will be experienced in the case of many commodities.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

Stating "it is clear that each industry in considering export development has problems of raw materials, prices, distribution and markets which are highly specialised," the White Paper forecasts the setting up in each industry of an export group with which the Council will co-operate.

These groups will be formed by existing trade organisations and

ARIZONA INDIANS GIVE UP SWASTIKA

Reports received from Tucson, Arizona, state that Indians at the reservation near that city have decided to give up the swastika as their tribal insignia. In the course of a solemn ceremony held by the Indians, blankets and wicker baskets bearing the swastika were piled up and set on fire. Coloured sand was sprinkled around the pile to keep the evil spirits from escaping.

A proclamation signed by four tribal chiefs was issued simultaneously, banning the use of the swastika which, "after it had been considered for centuries as a symbol of friendship by our ancestors, has been profaned by another nation."

DR. ALAM LEAVES CONGRESS PARTY

New Delhi, To-day.

Dr. Mohamed Alam, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Punjab Legislative Assembly, has resigned.

He said yesterday that the duty of every Moslem was to rally under one banner and consolidate the position of the Moslem community.—Reuter.

Chambers of Commerce.

All suggestions for promotion of this vital activity will be examined with the idea of bringing into operation a unified scheme embracing the whole ramifications of the export trade, and the White Paper concludes: "Notwithstanding the obstacles caused by the war the final aim must be an increased exchange of goods and services to mutual advantage between the Allies and countries who wish to trade with them."—British Wireless.

ALLIED INDUSTRY TO COOPERATE

London, To-day.

The Anglo-French talks sponsored by the Federation of British Industries opened in London yesterday when Lord Dudley Gordon, President-elect of the Federation, welcomed the visiting delegates.

The French delegates include the heads of a wide group of French industries including coal, chemicals, wool, cotton, metals and engineering.

Lord Dudley Gordon, in a speech, said it would be the purpose of the discussions to see where and how British and French industries could best co-operate.

Such collaboration would serve not only to hasten success in the struggle but after the war would make a valuable contribution to the establishment of a stable and enduring peace.—Reuter.

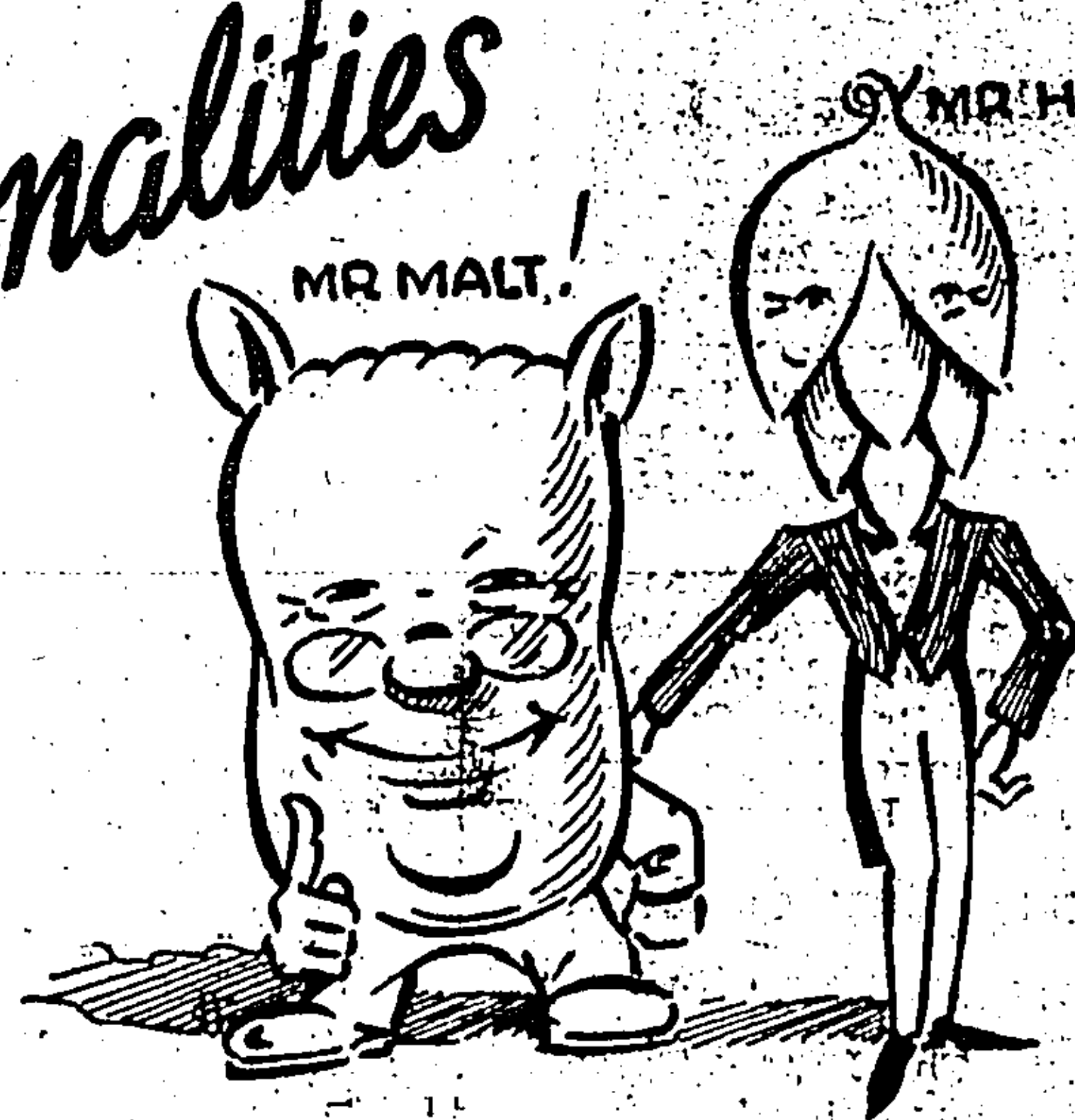
COUNT CSAKY TO MARRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, is to leave Budapest soon to listen to the song of wedding bells. He is to be married during the Easter holidays and will spend his honeymoon in Italy.—Havas.

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DUTCH NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS IN BERLIN WHO ENQUIRED AT THE WILHELM-STRASSE YESTERDAY REGARDING THE ATTACKS BY GERMAN PLANES ON DUTCH SHIPS IN THE NORTH SEA WERE INFORMED THAT FULL REPORTS HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE NAZI PILOTS CONCERNED, BUT IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE DUTCH SHIPS HAD NOT OBEYED THE ORDERS OF THE GERMAN PLANES.

The Nazi spokesman added that if the planes dropped bombs or opened fire without warning they were acting contrary to international law.

PAINFUL IMPRESSION IN HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Nazi attacks on at least 12 Dutch coastal vessels, trawlers and freighters in the North Sea on Monday have caused a most painful impression throughout Holland.

The newspapers remind Germany of her solemn pledge to respect trade traffic between neutral states.

The "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" writes: "Such acts by belligerents create a most unfavourable atmosphere. To conduct the war in this manner is a flagrant violation of the rights of neutrals. Nothing can justify such methods."

"There can be no doubt as to the identity of the aggressors. We hope our Government will lodge an energetic protest in Berlin. Our entire country will unreservedly support such a move." — Havas.

And Nazis Try To Argue Britain Is The Bully

The Hague, To-day.

Another attempt to persuade the neutrals that Britain is just a great big bully has been made by the German Legation in The Hague, which has replied to the British statement recently on navicerts.

"Neutrals," says the German Legation, "are being intimidated by Britain. It is not in keeping with neutrality to conform to the demands of enemy powers." — Reuter.

Dutch commentators point out that in not a single case has any warning by German planes been mentioned by witnesses or survivors; moreover, unless the planes concerned were sea-planes, it was manifestly impossible for them to search Dutch ships for contraband as they were legally bound to do before trying to sink them.

The Dutch Government has announced the intention to "take steps" as soon as it possesses the necessary information, but the newspapers bitterly point out that all Dutch protests about her torpedoed ships were disregarded by Berlin.

"TO HIGH HEAVEN"

The "Algemeen Handelsblad" in a leader declares: "The abominable procedure of the German fliers cries to high heaven. Flaming indignation blazes up in our people on learning of such outrages."

"German airmen yesterday smeared their own emblem with innocent blood. It was an instance of frightfulness devoid of all human feeling. These airmen have damaged the German name in a way that German propaganda won't easily repair." — Reuter.

AIR RAID INSURANCE

London, To-day.

In reply to a Commons question, the President of the Board of Trade said that the balance to the credit of the War Risks Commodities Insurance Fund on 4th March was £18,620,014.

The Board of Trade have made an order maintaining the premium from March 3 to June 2 at 5/- per cent. per month.

In view of the increased risk of serious air raids, Sir Rae Duncan did not consider a further reduction advisable. No claims have so far been made.—British Wireless.

HANNIBAL WRECKAGE MISTAKE

New Delhi, To-day.

What was at first thought to be the wreckage of the missing Imperial Airways liner Hannibal has now been found to be the wreckage of a dhow.

The air search is to be continued to-day—but it is now assumed that Hannibal sank in the sea and there is no hope of finding survivors.—Reuter.

NO RETURN OF U.S. ENVOY

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

IT IS REPORTED HERE THAT MR. SUMNER WELLES, WHO IS STAYING AT A HOTEL IN SWITZERLAND RECORDING HIS IMPRESSIONS OF HIS VISIT TO GERMANY HAS NOT YET MADE ANY DETAILED REPORT TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

It was stated at a press conference, however, that there is no truth in reports suggesting an arrangement for the early return to Germany of a United States Ambassador, nor has Germany indicated any intention of sending an Ambassador to Washington.—Reuter.

BURMA OIL FOR CHINA EXPLAINED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. GEOFFREY LLOYD, SECRETARY FOR MINES, REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID NO OIL PRODUCTS HAD BEEN SOLD BY THE BURMA OIL COMPANY TO CHINA AND NO SUCH SALES WERE CONTEMPLATED.

The Burma Oil Company, on behalf of other companies not producers of oil in India and Burma, had made available certain supplies to China, on the understanding that equivalent supplies are simultaneously repaid at a port in Burma or India.

No question had therefore arisen of supplying China at the expense of Burma or India, and the effect on exchange was exactly the same as if imported supplies were sent direct to China. — Reuter.

PEAK RESIDENT FINED

Mr. Leslie Archibald Lewis, of No. 517, The Peak, was fined \$25 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for failing to notify his intended departure from the Colony within the prescribed period.

Det. Sergeant Hill said defendant left Hong Kong for Chungking on January 9, without notifying the Registration Office.

"THE TIMES" ANXIOUS ABOUT ALLIED AID TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

CONTRARY VIEWS ABOUT the position of the Allies vis a vis the war in Finland were expressed by "The Times" and Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express."

"The Times" appeals for help for Finland. It points out that in February, for the first time in the Soviet-Finnish war, the Finns suffered especially heavy losses.

The Finns are right to insist that the sacrifices they have made shall not have been vain and now fear that the outside world is not sufficiently informed about the state of affairs.

Regarding the need for cannons of medium calibre, shells and supplies, "The Times" says that the Finnish Government and High Command have made no secret of the fact that the aid that has already come is not sufficient to cover even the minimum needs.

The war in Finland is not a minor engagement, continues "The Times." All the North is menaced. The Finns are fighting for our cause in resisting tyranny, while Russia has been weakened by the war and large supplies of Soviet oil which might have been available to Germany have been held up in the North.

FOLLY OF FALSE ECONOMY
Finland deserves our gratitude and deserves to be recompensed. Past wars have shown the folly of false economy and the failure to act at the right moment.

"The Times" hopes that it will not remain for the future to show that the Allies could have acted effectively but did not.

The "Daily Express" on the other hand says that Britain has nothing to gain from intervention in Finland.

Britain's responsibility would be increased without appreciable benefit and if Britain intervened in Finland it was high time the thought of sending an expeditionary force to China was abandoned.—Havas.

JAPANESE ACCUSED

Ohta Tainosoke, 47, restaurant keeper of No. 62 and 63, Gloucester Road, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with attempting to murder his wife, Ohta Mitsuko.

It is alleged that defendant stabbed his wife in the throat during a quarrel early on Saturday morning. She is now receiving treatment in Queen Mary Hospital.

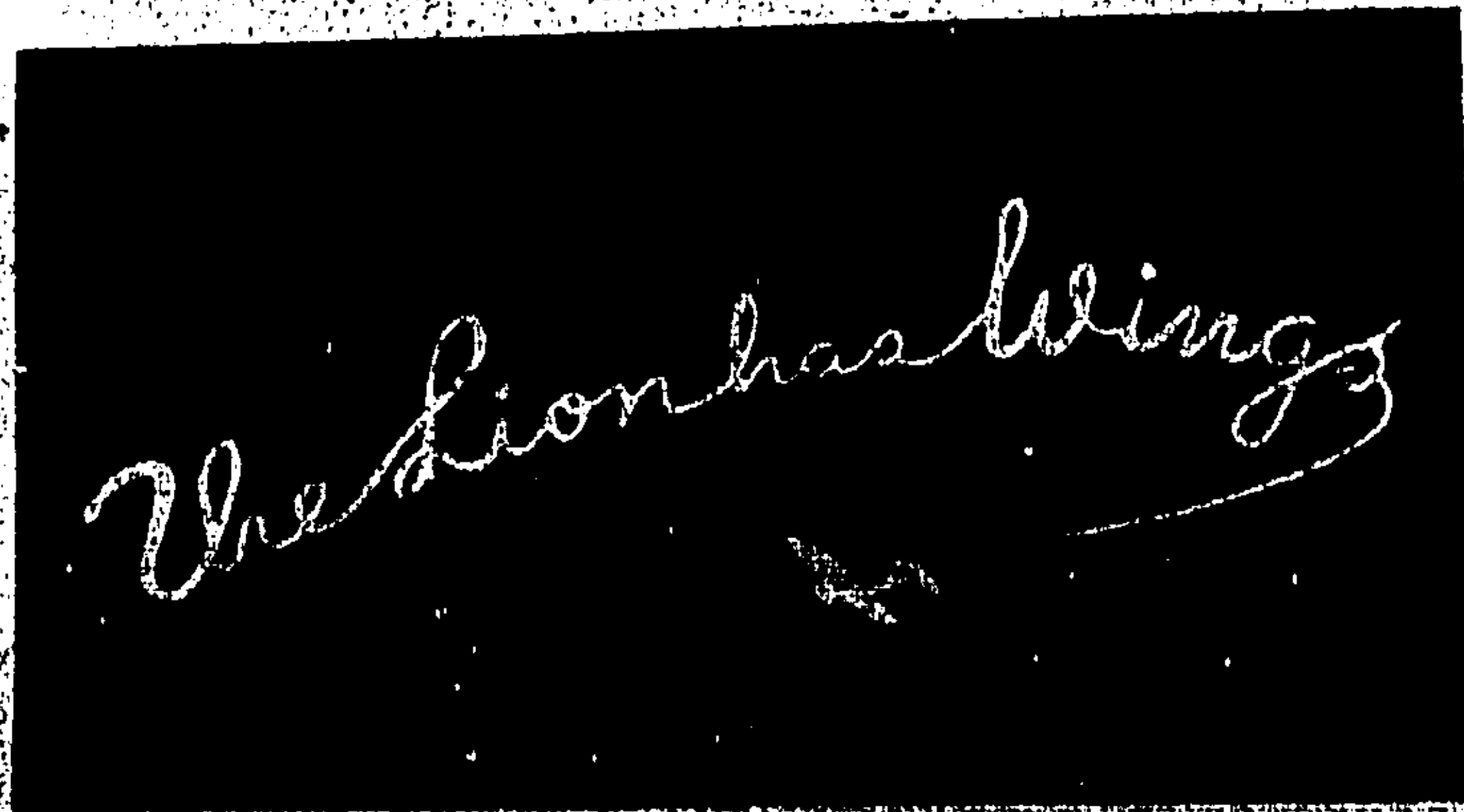
Defendant was formally remanded. Inspector W. N. Darkin is in charge of the case.

NO LICENCE FOR RADIO

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Lo Kam-chi, of No. 356, Lockhart Road, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for having a radio set without a licence.

Inspector J. Key said defendant got rid of the set as soon as he received the summons.

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BRITAIN'S FIRST WAR LOAN TERMS ANNOUNCED

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COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER DISCOVERY

Paris, To-day. Twenty-one persons have been arrested following the discovery by the police of numerous bundles of Communist pamphlets and multigraphed copies of the banned newspaper "Humanite" in Underground railway carriages in Paris.

The arrested include 16 employees of the Underground and a former sub-editor of "Humanite" who is alleged to have acted as their leader.—Reuter.

WAR LOAN APPROVED IN CITY

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's war loan announcement was welcomed enthusiastically in the City, says Reuter's city editor.

It is expected to constitute a stabilising influence in the market for Government securities. Some circles even suggest it may have a tonic effect on current prices.

Inter-office dealings after the announcement were notable for the strength of gilt-edged stocks, with War Loan at 100.

It is generally believed that the terms and issue price are exactly right in present market conditions for this kind of loan.

It is stressed in official circles that no further war loan will be issued on terms as favourable as those now announced.

BANK CREDITS

It is hoped that the banks will give reasonable assistance in the shape of temporary credit arrangements for smaller investors anxious to subscribe but who are not in a position to complete payment on April 15 of the 90 per cent. remaining due after meeting the 10 per cent. application money.

The loan announcement was welcomed by the Opposition, who put a few questions on the subject in the House, to which the Chancellor, in reply to the suggested issue of a short term loan at a lower rate of interest, particularly suitable for a large financial house, made by Mr. Pethick Lawrence, would be borne in mind in respect to possible future occasions.

FUTURE ISSUES

There would certainly have to be future issues so that it would not be wise or prudent for him to make any statement now.

He appreciated the point made by Mr. Leach about preventing would-be lenders this side entering into collusion with some friend abroad to get better terms.

The Government would take good care to see that it was no resident's money which was lent on the free-of-tax terms he suggested. People in Britain must pay their taxes.—Reuter.

Mr. Davenport, of the s.s. Kurah, has reported that money and a certificate were stolen from his cabin yesterday, while the ship was lying at Holt's wharf.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BE CLOSED IN ONE DAY

London, To-day.

THE CONDITIONS OF THE new War Loan were announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The loan will be called the "Three Per Cent. War Loan" and will be limited to £300,000,000.

Subscriptions will be opened on Tuesday next and will be closed the following day. The issue will be made at par and will bear interest at 3 per cent. for a period of from 15 to 19 years.

Commenting on the issue, Sir John Simon said that the amount that the Government would need to borrow during the next 12 months would, of course, be considerably greater than £300,000,000, but the issue for a limited amount was convenient to the Treasury and would also be in the general interests of the investor.

So far, Britain's large national expenditure had been found by additional taxation, the increase in the volume of Treasury bills and the proceeds of the very satisfactory Savings Campaign.

He was announcing the terms of the loan a week in advance in order that the investor might have ample time to make arrangements to subscribe the fullest possible amount.—Reuter.

PAST FINANCING

At the outset of his announcement Sir John Simon said our very large national expenditure had been so far financed by additional taxation imposed last September, by an appreciable increase in the volume of Treasury Bills and the ever mounting proceeds of the very successful savings campaign since November.

The Government's appeal for subscriptions to a large loan had necessarily to be delayed until it was felt the market was ripe for its issue. The time for this had now arrived.

Borrowing since the outbreak of war had all been for short periods. The new loan, however, for a period of 15 to 19 years, carrying interest at 3 per cent. and issued at par, accorded with the Government's avowed policy of borrowing as cheaply as possible, and at the same time was a reasonable one from the investor's viewpoint.

The loan would be repayable partly on October 15, 1959, but the Treasury reserved the right of redemption partly or wholly any time after October 14, 1955, on three months' notice.

NON-RESIDENT SUBSCRIBERS

Ten per cent. of all subscriptions would be payable on application and the balance on April 15.

Subject to certain safeguards he proposed offering non-resident subscribers exemptions from taxation somewhat similar to those attaching to some of our loans in the last war.

There would be Post Office and National Savings Bank issues to which a minimum subscription of £10 would be accepted, although no such application must exceed £1,000. This would afford such subscribers the opportunity of lending savings for longer than provided by savings certificates and defence bonds.—Reuter.

FRENCH N. C. O. DECORATED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

GENERAL LORD GORT, THE BRITISH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, YESTERDAY DECORATED WITH THE MILITARY MEDAL A FRENCH NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER WHO DESTROYED A GERMAN STRONG POINT WHEN ACTING AS LIAISON OFFICER TO THE BRITISH FORCES, TELEPHONES REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT WITH THE B.E.F.

General Voruz, head of the French mission at General Headquarters, then decorated with the Croix de Guerre another French liaison officer who, while accompanying a party of the Norfolk Regiment, took over after the British officer was killed and led the Norfolks back safely to the British line.—Reuter.

DEMOCRATIC BANQUET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ACCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES WAS MARKED BY A DEMOCRATIC PARTY BANQUET HELD AT THE WASHINGTON HOTEL YESTERDAY WHERE MR. ROOSEVELT WAS THE GUEST OF HONOUR.

Although some had hoped that the President would make a statement on the momentous question of a third term, he remained utterly silent on the subject, merely pointing out in his speech the progress realised by the New Deal since the economic crisis of 1933.—Havas.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Montevideo, To-day. Rear-Admiral Harwood, who has arrived here in H.M.S. Hawkins, has denied reports that a second naval battle had taken place in South American waters.—Havas.

DANUBE ICE NOW BREAKING UP

Budapest, To-day.

The ice on the Danube has begun to break up and if the present warm weather holds and no considerable flooding occurs shipping traffic will be resumed in about a fortnight.

Since the Danube was frozen two months ago some 1,200 ships, mostly bound for Germany, including 200 tankers and 400 grain ships, have been held up along the Hungarian reaches of the river.—Reuter.

CANADIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Ottawa, To-day.

Dr. Manion, leader of the opposition in the Canadian Parliament, in a broadcast election address yesterday, accused the Liberal leaders of having deceived the people of Quebec on the conscription issue.

Dr. Manion declared: "Their whole object is to divide Quebec from the rest of Canada for political purposes."

Expressing himself as absolutely opposed to conscription Dr. Manion said: "If I am elected Prime Minister of Canada there will be no conscription put into effect by the Government I lead."

"Conscription to my mind was a failure in the last war as it raised only about 10,000 men from more than 500,000 and stirred up much misunderstanding in our country."—Reuter.

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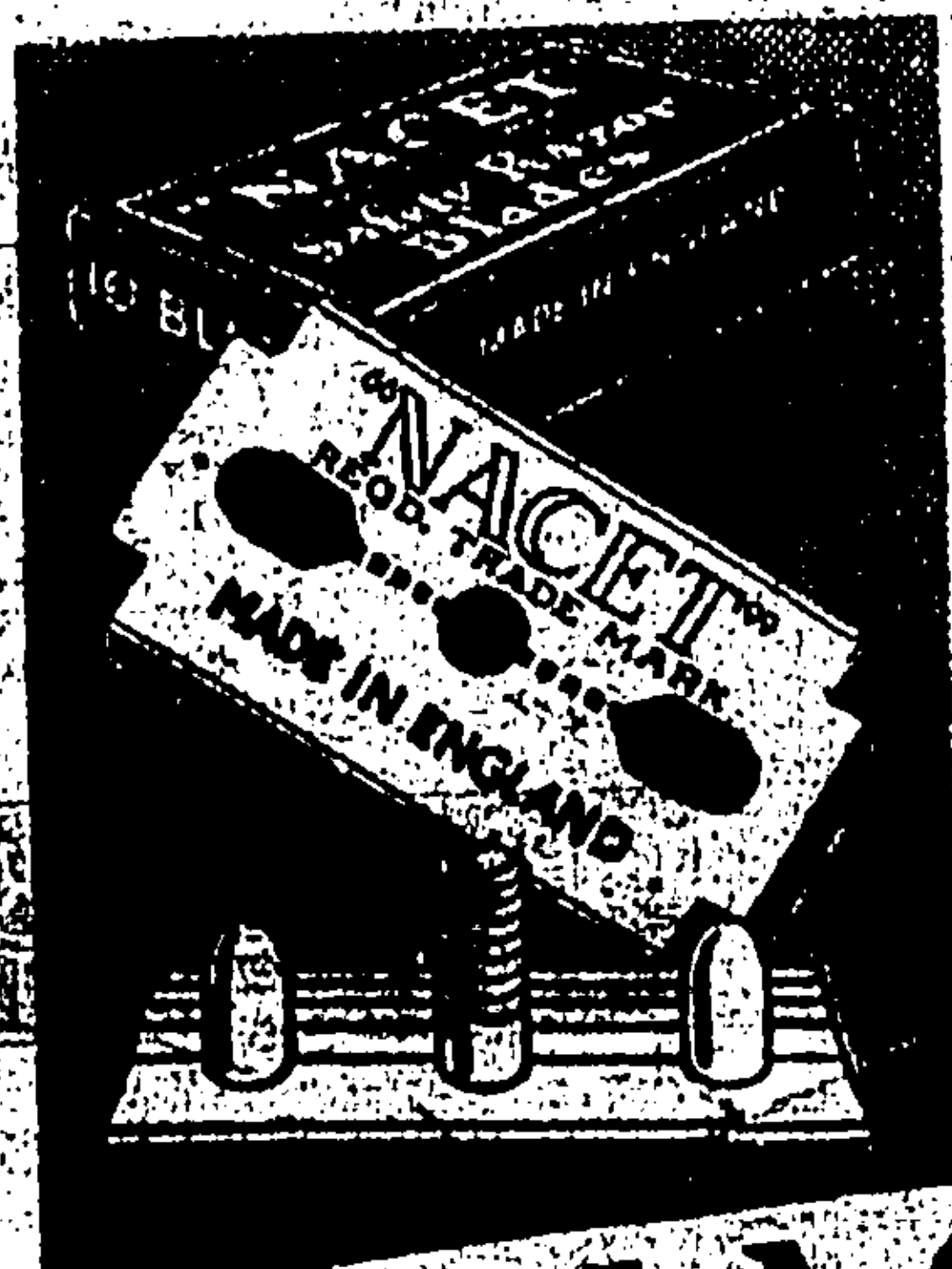
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

WAR FINANCE

Dr. Funk (Dr. Schacht's successor), in an important speech at Salzburg threw some interesting light on the German attitude. He did not begin, like the Prime Minister, with platitudinous warnings against the "vicious spiral," about the need to prevent prices and wages tumbling after each other, or threats of the possibility that we may ration further "if necessity for that becomes apparent." He took it for granted that Germany had solved all that. He assumed that the cost of living has been held down by the Government's measures against rises in price, its control of wage increases, and its exhaustive rationing of food-stuffs and clothing. His point was that these measures are only a beginning; they have not solved the problem of restricting consumption as it must be restricted if Germany is to stretch her limited resources to cover her military and export needs.

The industries that are not essential for war purposes have to bear hardships. "The restriction of the production of consumption goods demands that the consumer also has to do without things." "We cannot," Dr. Funk told his German public, "eat our cake and have it." It can be broken up into pieces and shared out, but its size cannot be increased. So with the production of German industry. Consumption can be only greater than current production if the latter is increased by further effort or if stocks are drawn on and replacements forgone. The first (as the "Frankfurter Zeitung" emphasises in its comments on Dr. Funk's speech) is limited by the fact that Germany has for years been working at almost maximum capacity. The second is a wasting substance to be prevented as far as possible. The alternative is to cut short the production of non-essential goods and at the same time persuade the consumer to "discipline" himself (Dr. Funk's phrase) so that he will not try to buy these goods, thus forcing up prices and inducing inflation. This is, of course, extremely familiar truth, although in this country it has been left for economists to say (and be abused for their pains). "The part of income (Dr. Funk goes on) which is not required to meet the cost of living belongs to the banking or savings account, where it can be drawn upon in time of need, and where it will be of particular value when it comes to the conversion of industry to peace-time conditions." The essence of Dr. Funk's speech was that these "free parts of income" must be withdrawn from the competitive market somehow or other, if not by voluntary saving, then by stringent taxation. In the first place the "voluntary" principle is to have its trial, and, as messages from Germany in the last few days have shown, some most ingenious devices are being canvassed which will make sure that the wage-earner, no less than the capitalist, contributes.

One thing the British and German statements have in common. The statesmen of both countries put their hands on their hearts and vow that never, never again will they agree to pay for the cost of the war by using the printing press. That is, perhaps, a matter of degree; the printing press will not be altogether idle in any belligerent country and, however much we may dislike it, some amount of inflation is inevitable. But it is fair to ask which of the two methods of approach, the drastic German or the half-hearted British, is the more likely (other things being equal) to avoid a repetition of the experience of the last war.—"Manchester Guardian."

MORALS FROM BUTTER

In the early part of the week each of us now sees before him on the breakfast table his ration of butter, and knows that it has not to last him for a whole seven days. In the course of those days it will assume various shapes. Beginning as a solid mass of rock it will diminish into a crag and from a crag to a splinter. Then it will sink into the tiniest knoll if indeed it has not "wholly vanished before their strenuous exertions." No doubt "many a moral for 'the young'" can be deduced from butter, as Mr. Wopsle said it could from pork. It is very good for us, particularly in Lent, to have to restrain our natural impulses. We discover the fallacy of those specious economists who allege that it is a saving to eat butter with jam on the ground that the same bit of bread does for both. We acquire a nicer judgment, a more accurate eye, and a more complete mastery of the knife in estimating our exact requirements for a piece of toast, so that no morsel shall remain wasted on the plate. We may hope too to gain something of the team spirit by a generous and friendly rivalry in husbanding and comparing our resources, much as Pip and Joe Gargery used to compare the way in which they bit through their slices of bread and butter by holding them up for each other's admiration.

All this is to the good, but there is another and a darker side of the picture. Butter is apt to develop in us the unlovely characteristics of the miser. If we have chanced to be away for a day while the rest of the household has stayed at home, we cannot check, though we may conceal, an odious satisfaction in seeing that our mountain is now perceptibly taller than theirs. The very yellowness of butter adds to this moral danger since it suggests a hoard of gold. It is true that our vice cannot, like that of your true miser, be an entirely secret one, since our treasure is open to the public view; but we can gloat over it secretly nevertheless. Fortunately also, we cannot indulge the miser's ecstasy in handling his gold. This is a temptation that lies dormant in many breasts. There can be few who have not felt it rising within them as they read how of an evening Silas Marner would bring out his guineas from their hiding place under the floor, how he "spread them out in heaps and bathed his hands in them; then he counted them and set them up in regular piles and felt that rounded outline between his thumb and fingers." We cannot do that with our butter; but we can gaze upon its rounded outline, and rejoice that it can at least stay as it is, if we hold our hand from the "butter knife. It cannot melt like snow if unsnotted by the sword," but remains a beautiful, gilded monument on which we can feast our eyes, even as, when they were innocent, we feasted them on the Albert Memorial.

At first when this passion takes hold of us we may yet have a motive not wholly vile and essentially human. It is that of getting the worst over to begin with and of looking forward to an unctuous time of it in the last two days or so. We may even think of distributing small pieces to the less thrifty with a pleasant sense of patronage and complacent virtue. Gradually however we shall embrace miserliness more and more for its own sake. We shall dream of a morning at the beginning of a new week when before each member of the family is set his or her new mountain, when our mountain and ours alone will appear to be cloud-capped with gold, since on the top of it will rest a glorious remnant from the week before. Then there will really be nothing to be said in our defence, save that this horrid and hitherto unsuspected trait may indirectly benefit the figure—"The Times."

B.E.F. IN CLASH

Germans Capture British Outpost And Men

Successful Counter-Attack

London, To-day.

NEWS OF A GERMAN RAID on an outpost of the British forces in the Maginot Line is contained in an official communique of British General Headquarters last night, which states: "A raid occurred this morning against a post in the British front line and the enemy succeeded in capturing some prisoners."

"The post was recaptured and the enemy retired, leaving one dead. Two British soldiers were killed and one wounded."

Reports of increasing patrol activity on the western front may be due to reliefs which are taking place on both sides of the line, as well as to improved weather conditions, writes Reuters' military correspondent.

The German patrols have shown more cleverness than they did in the last war and old British soldiers with the B.E.F. attribute this to the Hitler Youth movement and to hiking.

The Germans are less sheeplike than formerly, they change their routes when on patrol and have mastered the art of noiseless movement.

The German gunners have also improved and do not shell the same places at the same time, as was their habit in 1914-1918.

NOT WASTED TIME

The German army has not been wasting its time during the winter and has formed many new divisions, the majority of which are organised on infantry pattern, with horse-drawn transport.

Only the armoured and light tank divisions are completely mechanised.

Except in Poland none of the present German army generals have held an important command in wartime.

There is a serious shortage of trained Staff officers in the German army. Since Hitler assumed power only a few have been able to complete the

extensive Staff College training of three years.

GOOD RELATIONS

Relations between German officers and men, however, have greatly improved.

During the first week the B.E.F. held a sector in the front line there was no moon and in the blackness of the woods at night it was difficult to distinguish the German patrols, which were admirably led by young officers. Many excellent lessons were learned through encounters which occurred.—Reuters.

ALL PRISONERS RESCUED

Havas says that all prisoners taken by the German raiding party were rescued by the counter-attack, during which two further British soldiers were killed and several Germans.

JAPAN'S TERMS FOR PEACE

Tokyo, To-day.

The Government will issue a statement in the near future, probably about the middle of this month, it is understood, setting forth Japan's tentative peace terms—or what is called in official circles here "a formula for the disposal of the China incident."

These terms have already been communicated to the House of Peers and the House of Representatives at the present sessions.

The China Affairs Board met in conference last evening to discuss the "formula."

Date of issue of the statement may be timed to be simultaneous with the opening of the political conference in Nanking which will precede the inauguration of the new puppet "central government of China" under Wang Ching-wei.—Reuters.

GINGER ROGERS SEEKING DIVORCE

Los Angeles, To-day.

Ginger Rogers has filed suit for divorce against Lew Ayres, charging desertion.

The couple have been separated since 1936.—Reuters.

ITALIAN SHIPS DETAINED

London, To-day.

Two ships which left Rotterdam with German coal since Friday mid-night have been detained.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, who made it clear that any ships sailing as neutrals with German coal to a neutral port are liable to be detained by the British contraband control.

Mr. Cross also said that the export of German coal in Italian ships from Rotterdam to Italy had now been stopped.

News has been received from Rotterdam that more Italian ships with German coal sailed yesterday morning. The fact that they had loaded the coal before March 1 will not save them from seizure.—Reuters.

Four More Leave Rotterdam

Rotterdam, To-day.

Four more Italian colliers laden with German coal for Italy left yesterday. Six others are still in harbour.—Reuters.

London, To-day.

Reuters learns that the two Italian cargoboots diverted into the Downs contraband control station, came from Rotterdam and were carrying coal.—Reuters.

Five Ships In The Downs

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is officially learned that up to midnight, five Italian ships had been diverted into The Downs for examination.

All were carrying coal. If it proves to be German coal, the cargoes will be detained and the ships released as soon as possible.—Havas.

"All Will Be Detained"

London, To-day.

"Any ships which now sail as neutral vessels carrying German coal from Rotterdam will now be detained, and already to-day two vessels have been detained," stated Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Asked further whether German coal was being exported in Italian vessels from Rotterdam to Italy, Mr. Cross stated: "That has now ceased."—Reuters.

SPRING'S NERVE JANGLING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

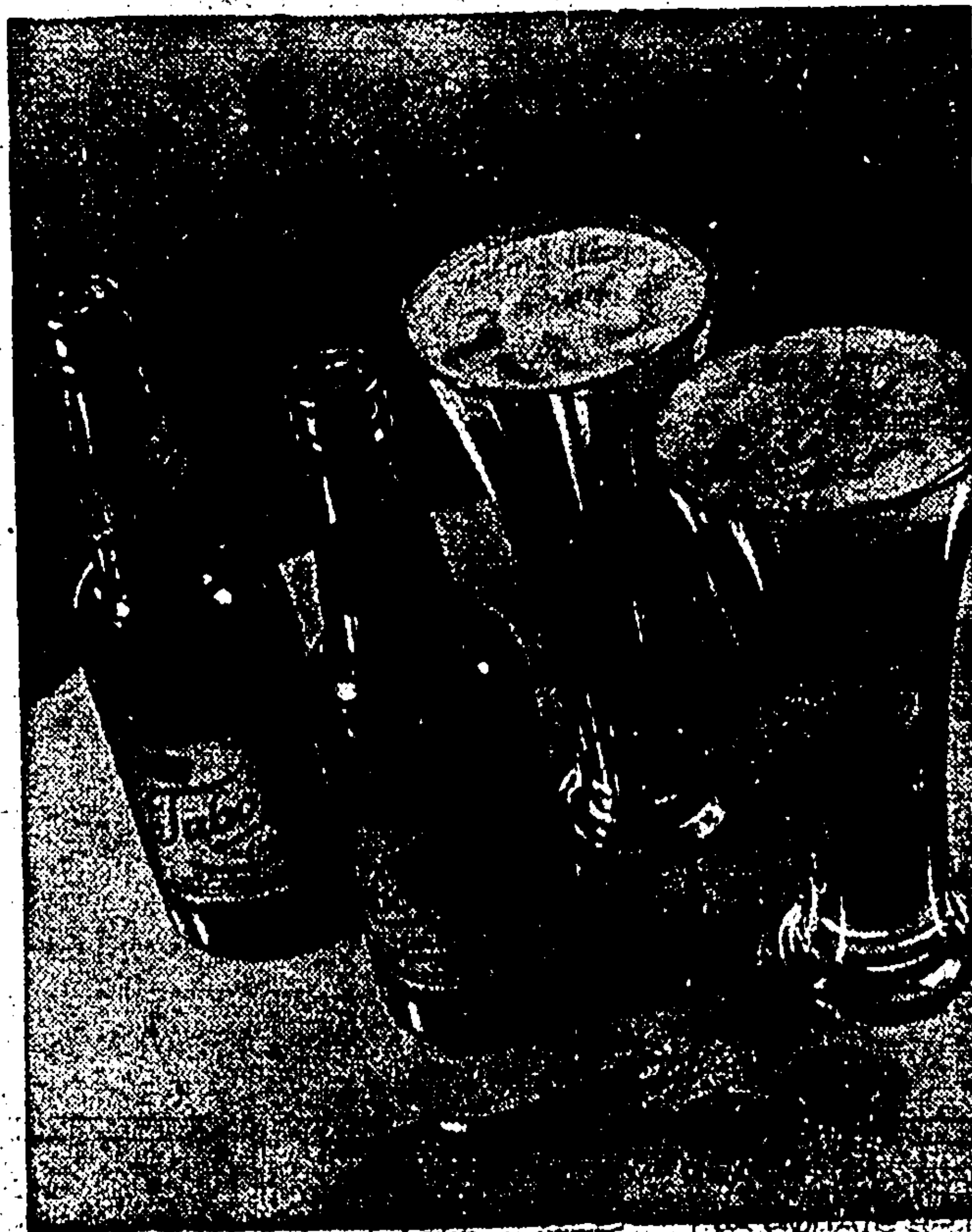
Propaganda Minister Goebbels has apparently decided to give the neutrals' nerves their "Annual Spring Jangle," if reports that the German activity on neutral borders are just part of a "nerve-tingler" manoeuvre are any criterion.

If anything more is intended, the Nazis will not find the Allies unprepared.

At all events, part of the German-Dutch frontier has been closed and three new German Divisions are said to be stationed on the Swiss frontier.

It is pointed out here that such changes are possibly normal ones and are not necessarily an indication that the war will suddenly flare up at any moment.—Havas.

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SEALING UP HOLES IN BLOCKADE

Washington, To-day.

The arrival of Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin is being connected in some quarters with recent reports of strong British action to seal up the blockade holes through which American exports are still reaching Germany.

While official information is lacking, diplomatic sources here point out that American exports to European neutrals have all increased, and while most neutrals are naturally anxious to build up reserves, the combined American exports to Europe are reaching proportions equal to normal shipments to neutrals and Germany.

Another suspected leak is through Siberia, particularly aviation petrol exports, of which there has been a considerable export for some months.

NULLIFYING GAIN

Well-informed circles forecast that the Allies will shortly make a move in Washington aimed at securing a reduction in exports from America, if the war is not to continue indefinitely, because if the enormous trade with the neutrals is allowed to continue, it will partly nullify the Allies' gain from the neutrality legislation, especially as the terms under which the Allies are buying war material, including planes, are abnormally stiff.

The terms represent practically the provision of funds for an extension of

BRITAIN'S LABOUR PROBLEMS

London, To-day.

Replying in the Lords yesterday for the Government, after a debate on the unemployment position, Lord Stanhope declared that when all the new factories which are being contracted for are completed, he had not the slightest doubt the additional labour that would be required would exceed the total number now unemployed.

Referring to the position of agriculture, Lord Stanhope said that out of 30,000 applications to join the Land Army, the number who were actually enrolled on January 1 was 16,650.

Four thousand, two hundred volunteers completed four to eight weeks' training and of those about two thousand were now in agriculture employment.

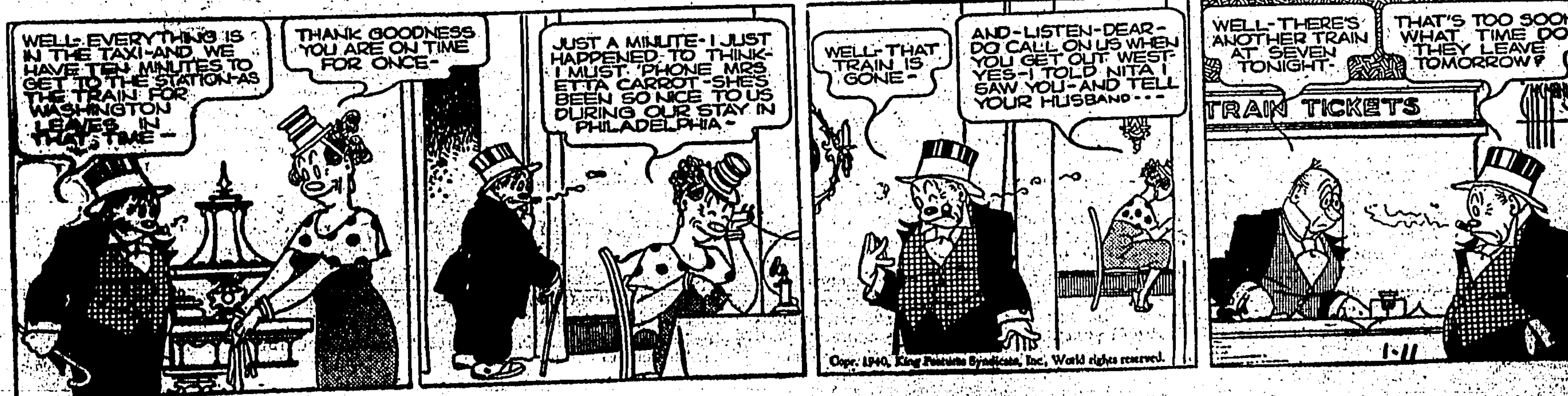
A further 250 were placed in employment but had since resigned. A further 550 resigned after training and of the remaining 1,400 half had returned to non-agricultural work until they were actually wanted on the land. — British Wireless.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that an anticyclone appears to be developing over China, pressure being highest over Mongolia. A depression is indicated in the vicinity of Hokkaido.

plant necessary for the large production of planes, while the price of planes so produced remains exorbitant. —Reuter.

Bringing Up Father



OFF LIGHTLY WITH TWO BLACK EYES

"YOU DESERVE MORE THAN TWO BLACK EYES; AND ARE FORTUNATE NOT TO BE CHARGED WITH INDECENT ASSAULT," REMARKED MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING TO 35-YEAR-OLD SO KING-YEE WHO WAS CHARGED WITH AN ASSAULT ON A 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL.

Accused was fined \$20, or one month's hard labour.

The girl related how she was awakened at 2 a.m. yesterday by strange hands touching her body.

Inspector R. Cunningham, prosecuting, stated that accused occupied a bed space at No. 19, Peking Road, where two girls and their grandmother resided. The girl was sleeping with her 15-year-old sister.

The grandmother was awakened when the girl called for assistance. She found accused lying between the two sisters under the quilt. When told what accused had been up to, she punched him in the face resulting in the blackening of his eyes.

SOLD DERBY TICKETS AT A PREMIUM

The manager of The Sun Company and five money changer's shops were summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for allowing the sale of Derby Sweep tickets without the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

Det. Inspector A. L. Hopkins, who conducted the prosecution, said that on February 17, the Police were informed that a large sale of Derby Sweep tickets was being conducted by money changer's shops along the water front. The Police raided the places, and found the Wing Kee shop selling tickets at \$1.10 each. The others were gaining five cents profit for each ticket.

Defendants all pleaded guilty through representatives and were fined \$25 each.

SVEN HEDIN SEES HITLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day. Press reports here state that the famous Swedish explorer, Sven Hedin, has been received by Hitler, with whom he was closeted for nearly an hour; the Nazi Secretary of State was present.

He has refused to comment on the talk, but the papers are quick to give the talk a political significance. — Havas.

'WEALTHY' WOMAN ARRESTED FOR BEGGING

A sum of \$647 in Hong Kong currency and \$515 in Chinese money was found on a 72-year-old widow, Ho Mui, when she was arrested for begging in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday.

Before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, she was fined \$25.

Sergeant Blackburn prosecuted.

A CANDID THIEF GETS 12 MONTHS

Lam Hong, 30, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with stealing a wrist watch from a Chinese at the General Post Office yesterday.

Mr. Edwards: "You have seven previous convictions, is that so?"

Defendant said: "Yes, and one simple larceny too!"

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was imposed.

WARNING ON POSTAGE OF MAILS

Shanghai, To-day.

British subjects are warned by the British Embassy in Shanghai that mail which is not definitely marked to be sent by another route than Siberia is liable to fall into the hands of the German censors.

An official notice says that normally mail from China for Europe is taken across Siberia and thence through Germany for distribution, but such mails should not, in present circumstances, pass through German territory and there is always the danger that they may do so, since they are no longer under the control of the Chinese postal authorities once they leave Chinese territory. — Reuter.

INDIA'S AIR SERVICES

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.

THE RAPID EXPANSION OF INDIA'S INTERNAL AIR SERVICES IS SEEN IN THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION IN INDIA FOR 1939.

Indian Airways carried four times as much mail as in the year before.

The total mileage increased by 127 per cent. and the number of passengers carried was nearly double that of 1937. Despite the expansion, the airways maintained their high record of safety. Not one passenger was injured during the four years 1935 to 1938, although the flights totalled over 3,500,000 miles. — Reuter.

ANOTHER NAZI CANARD

London, To-day.

A German assertion in a broadcast talk for Continental and also British listeners to the effect that Italian subjects resident in Malta are being recruited by the Governor under instructions from England for service in the British Forces is totally untrue.

The Governor of Malta has authority to enlist British subjects resident in Malta including Maltese of British nationality, up to local requirements, but no Italian subjects in Malta could or are being accepted for any British services. — British Wireless.

MEXICAN OIL AGREEMENT

Mexico, To-day.

Castillo Mijera, Mexican Ambassador in Washington, has returned here, and it is declared that he brought a basis for general settlement with the Sinclair interests for a settlement of their claims for properties which were expropriated.

The agreement would consist of payment of a sum tentatively fixed and the signature of a long-term contract under which the Sinclair interests would purchase Mexican oil. — Reuter.

HOLIDAYS IN HIGHLANDS

London, To-day.

Despite the recent order making part of Scotland a "prohibited area," holiday-makers will be able to visit the Scottish Highlands as usual.

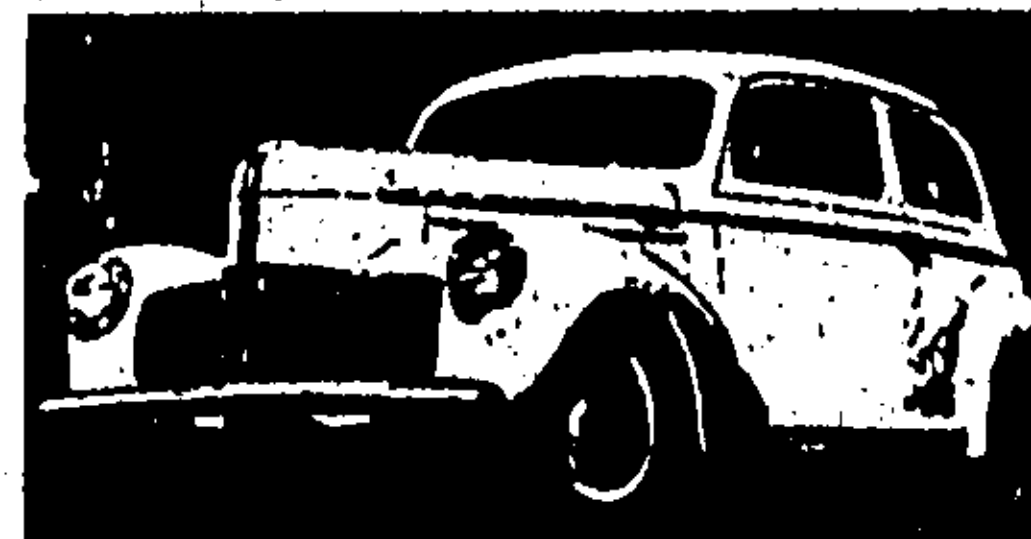
This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Stanley, who said that there was no reason why the Order should discourage visits to the Highlands for business or holiday reasons. — Reuter.

Mrs. Leonard, of No. 41, Kennedy Road, has reported the theft of clothing yesterday from her residence.

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OFFICER AWARDED MILITARY CROSS

London, To-day.

Lieutenant (acting Captain) John Alexander Mackenzie, the Gloucestershire Regiment, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous daring and resource.

Lt. Mackenzie on January 13 was near Zeurange with two men on a listening patrol in front of the German lines when he encountered a German patrol about 20 strong.

He allowed the patrol to approach within 10 yards before machinegunning them, felling two Germans and scattering the rest.

Three hours later Lt. Mackenzie led a battle patrol into the same area and returned to the British lines carrying one dead German.

There were no British casualties and it was believed to be the first German casualty inflicted by the infantry of the B.E.F. — Reuter.

PUSHED INTO WATER

Mr. R. Souza, of No. 22, Johnston Road, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday when he was accidentally pushed into the harbour outside Wanchai Police Station during the "Black Out" last night.

BRITISH REVENUE FIGURES

London, To-day.

The total Inland Revenue collected during the current financial year to March 2 was £514,614,000 against the estimated revenue of £578,750,000 for the full financial year.

Income Tax so far collected accounts for £344,774,000 and with four weeks still to run it seems probable that the estimated Income Tax yield for the year, £390 millions, will be fully realised. Surtax has yielded to date £56,980,000 towards the Estimate of £70 millions for the full year and Estate Duties £89,750,000 towards the estimate of £75,500,000.

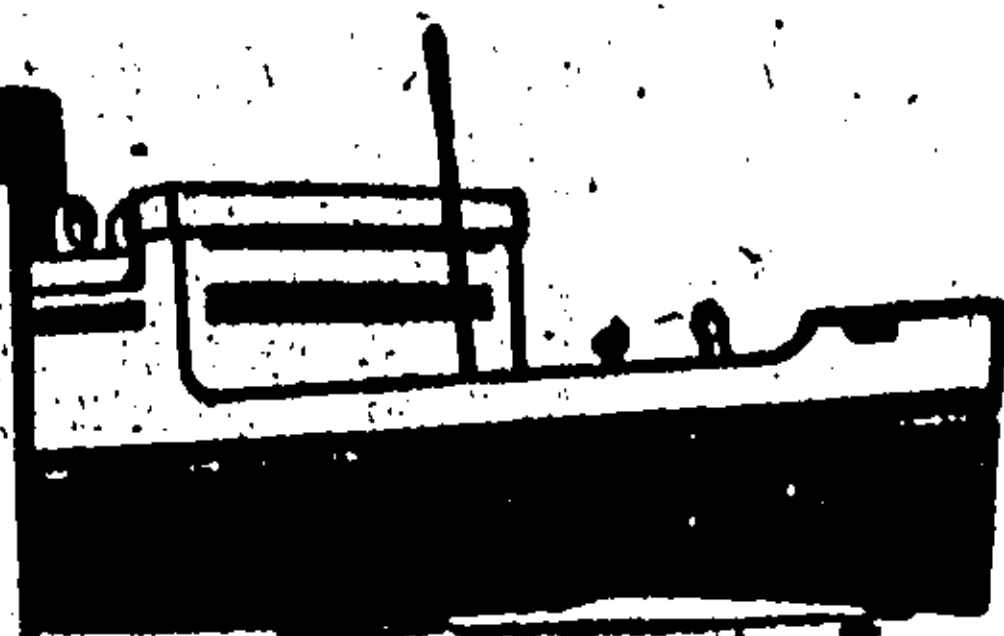
Customs and Excise collected so far amount to £266,260,000 and to realise the Estimate, a further six and quarter millions must be collected before the end of the current month.

Total ordinary revenue to date is £943,318,780.

At the corresponding date of last year the Revenue collected totalled £934,366,471.

Total ordinary expenditure to date amounts to £1,225,113,438. The estimated total ordinary expenditure for the full year is £1,477,000,000. — British Wireless.

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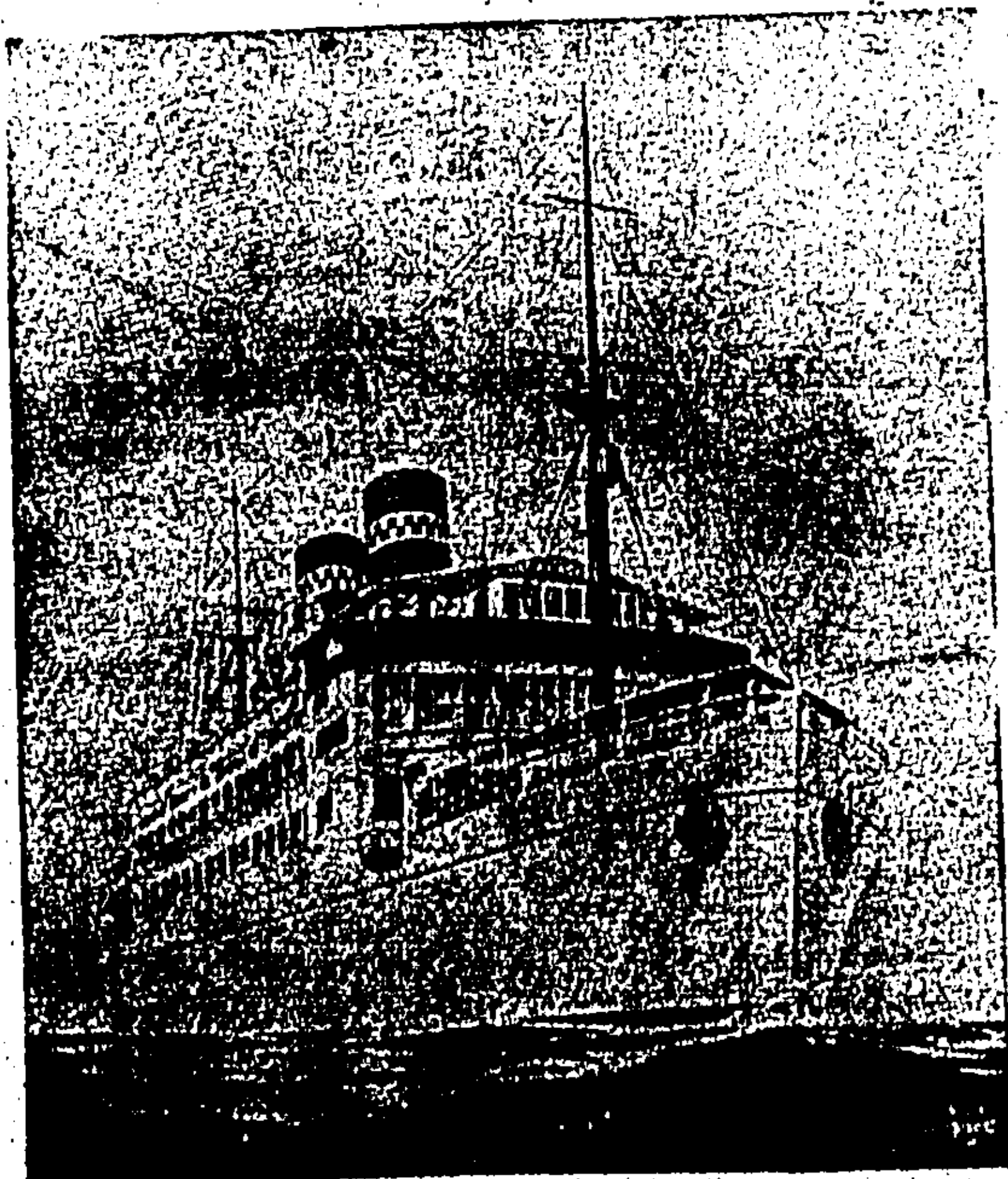
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REVELATIONS OF SLAVE TRAFFIC IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

DESPITE REPEATED DENIALS OF THE PRACTICE
BY JAPANESE SPOKESMEN HERE, THE
"NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS" SAYS IT HAS
RECEIVED DEFINITE CONFIRMATION OF
WIDESPREAD REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE
ARE FORCIBLY REMOVING YOUNG CHINESE
MEN FROM THE AREA NORTH OF SOOCHOW
CREEK AND ARE USING THEM IN WORK PRO-
JECTS IN POOTUNG.

The newspaper declares that a number of concrete cases
of such abductions in Chapei, Hongkew, Wayside and
Yangtsepoo have come to light, indicating an organ-
ised "slave traffic" which fully justifies the apprehen-
sion now felt by the Chinese population generally.

MERCHANT SHIPPING LOSSES

London, To-day.

During the week ended
March 3, only two British
ships were sunk—the Albane,
1,176 tons, and the Cato, 710
tons.

Against this the Germans in the
same period lost four ships totalling
18,490 tons—about ten times the loss
inflicted on the British.

The significance of these figures is
more readily appreciated when it is
remembered that whereas the German
mercantile fleet is non-existent at sea
except for isolated ships endeavouring
to reach home waters, on the other
hand, all over the world, in every
harbour, in every port and on every
trade route, British merchantmen are
seen carrying on their usual occupa-
tions.

Neither has enemy action against
that fleet throughout the whole six
months of war, including the losses
incurred during the opening weeks
when British ships were completing
peacetime voyages while U-Boats
were already at their stations wait-
ing to pounce on easy prey, made a
visible difference to the number of
British ships.

SAFETY IN CONVOY

Of the 620,000 tons lost, over two-
thirds has already been replaced by
new construction and captures.

In one instance, a coolie is said to
have been taken to a labour concen-
tration camp in Pootung, where he
was lodged with about 100 others
under a guard of armed Japanese and
Chinese. He managed to escape and
tell the story.

These abductions have had a
marked discouraging effect on the
return of Chinese to the northern
area and have created a state there
approaching panic.

MANY CASES QUOTED

Mill workers, delivery coolies and
others having business over the bridges
are now reluctant to go into the area,
while male servants of families resid-
ing north of Soochow Creek are fear-
ful of appearing on the streets, espe-
cially after dark.

The "North China Daily News"
quotes various cases in evidence of
the virtual slave traffic.—Reuter.

***This "slave" traffic is an old
practice of the Japanese; it has been
going on in Canton for many months.
Immunity in Canton can, however, be
purchased.

While 10,782 ships, 1,075 of them
neutrals, have been safely convoyed
to their destination by the British
Navy, only 25 escorted ships have
been lost—one in 430.

On the other hand, about a fort-
night ago six German ships left Vigo
in the hope of reaching Germany.
Only one reached home. Three were
captured, one—the Arucas with a
valuable cargo of mercury—scuttled
herself, and one was wrecked off
the Norwegian coast.

It is claimed that the whole ship-
ping situation this week fully justi-
fies the Admiralty's comment: "There
is little wonder neutral shipping
shows an increasing desire to join
British convoys."—British Wireless.

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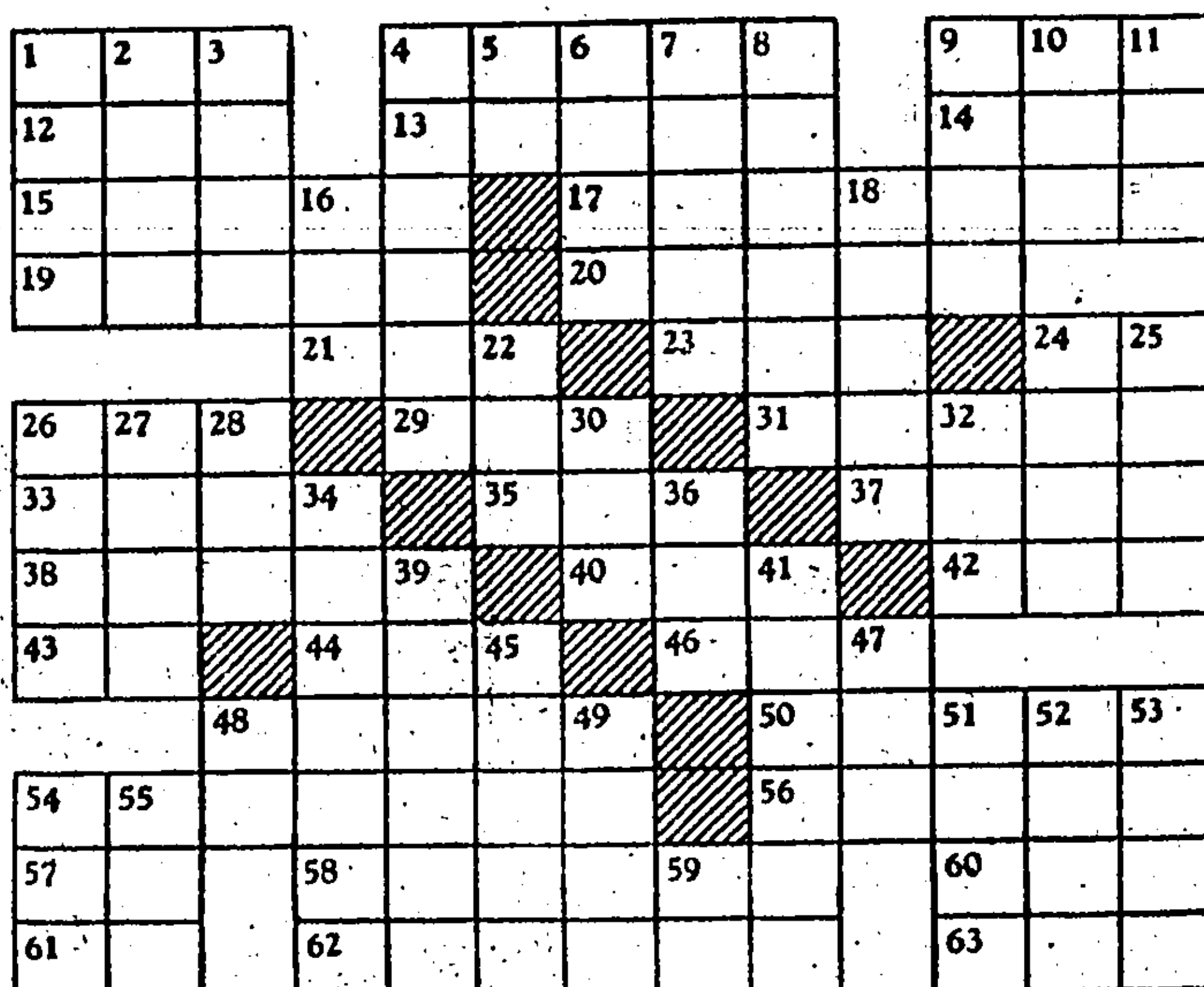
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- 4 Uncovered
- 9 Every one
- 10 Wing
- 13 To amalgamate
- 14 Pastry
- 15 Tooth
- 17 Treasuring up
- 19 Vegetables
- 20 Reviews
- 21 Faucet
- 23 Holland commune
- 24 To act
- 26 To stroke lightly
- 29 To rend
- 31 Artist's stand
- 33 Sandarac tree
- 35 Animal's foot
- 37 Repast
- 38 Scimitars
- 40 Faint
- 42 Constellation
- 43 Toward
- 44 Dry
- 46 Herd of whales
- 48 Pertaining to wall
- 50 To call to attention

VERTICAL

- 54 Mirage
- 56 Rants
- 57 Pronoun
- 58 Complete
- 60 To bring forth
- 61 Preposition
- 62 Sowed
- 63 Beverage

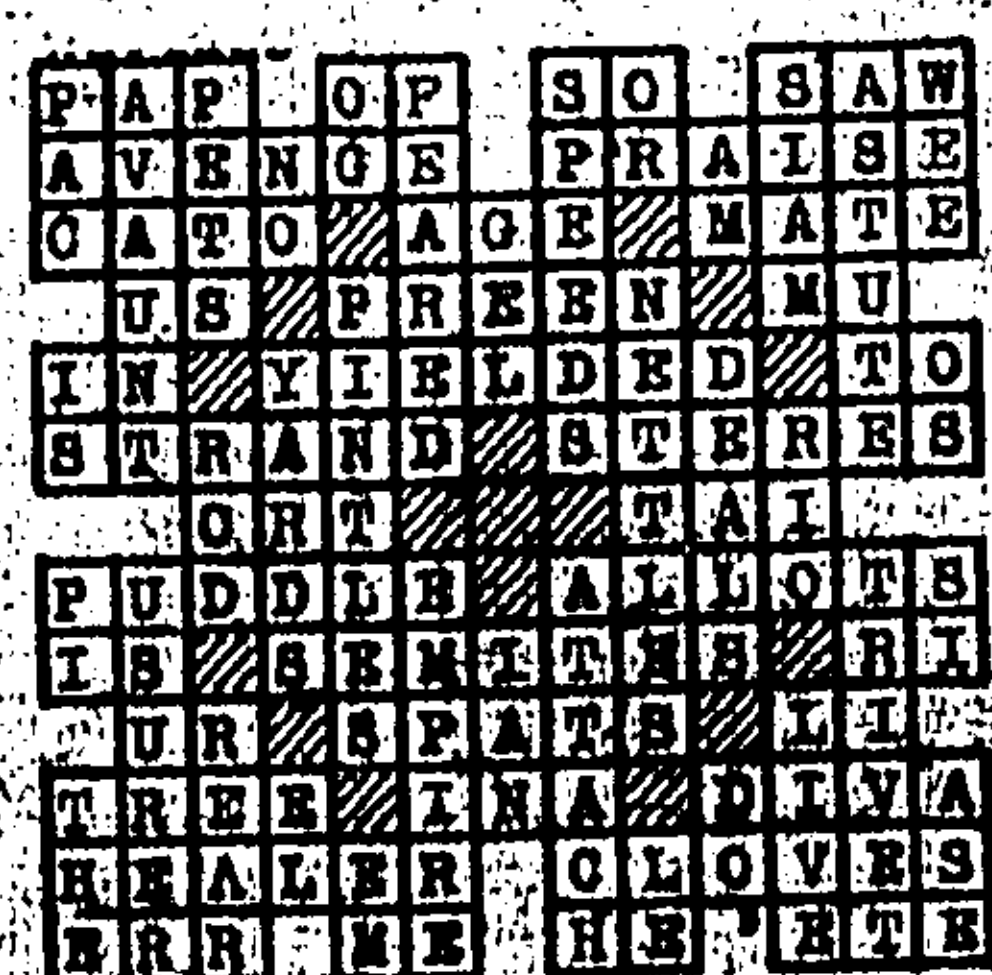
VERTICAL

- 1 Side of a doorway
- 2 Fiber plant
- 3 Package
- 4 College treasurer
- 5 Article
- 6 Mature

VERTICAL

- 7 Music; study
- 8 To make fun of
- 9 Bee genus
- 10 The linden
- 11 Limb
- 16 Slamese coin
- 18 Vapour
- 22 Fruit seed
- 24 Expensive
- 25 Cooking pot
- 26 Former times
- 27 Italian river
- 28 Scotch: to
- 30 Cushion
- 32 Body of water
- 34 Continues
- 36 False hair
- 39 Imperturbable
- 41 Disfigured
- 45 Position in fencing
- 47 Extinct bird
- 48 Note of scale
- 49 Set
- 51 Part of the eye
- 52 To stamp
- 53 Serf
- 54 Greek letter
- 55 Domestic fowl
- 59 Concerning

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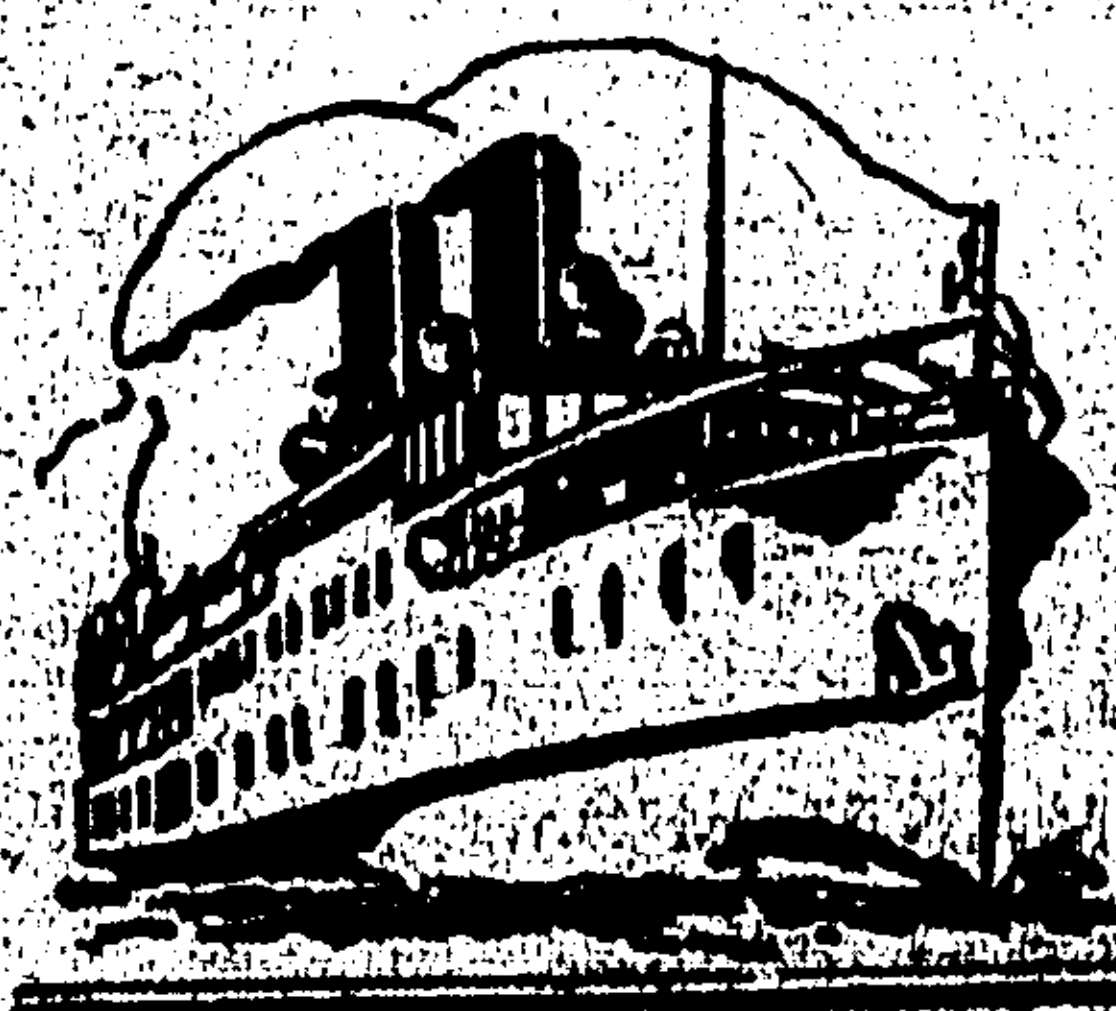
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BRITISH WAR BUYING IN U.S.A.

Washington, To-day.
It is reported that Mr. Purvis, head of the British Purchasing Commission in the United States, conferred yesterday with Mr. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

They are said to have discussed various problems arising out of the British war purchases in the United States.

Unconfirmed reports state that Sir Henry Self, Deputy Under-Secretary for Air, who has just arrived in the United States, will probably take over all purchases of aircraft in the United States on behalf of the British Government. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
IT IS REPORTED THAT THE NAVY HAS PLACED A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO 10,000-TON CRUISERS COSTING \$18,000,000.

The new cruisers, which will be named Cleveland and Columbia, are the last of 21 combatant ships authorised under the 1938 Naval Expansion Act, and included in the appropriation for the current year.

It is understood they will have great speed and cruising range and will carry 6-inch guns. They will be completed in 36 and 39 months, respectively. — Reuter.



The amateur photographer should know a girl's negative is never positive.

THE NAVY'S THANKS

The following letter has been received from The Depot for Knitted Garments for The Royal Navy:—
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With renewed and grateful thanks,

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) Margaret Prioleau,
Hon. Secretary.

RUMANIAN EXPORT LAW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Bucharest, To-day.

New laws governing the export trade went into effect on Monday.

The reason given for the new regulations is that they will prevent speculation in raw materials which Rumania may need one day for her own defence.

New exchange decrees will keep down the cost of living, benefit the Rumanian trader and speed-up commercial transactions. — Havas.

Race Pony Classification

Hong Kong Jockey Club have issued the following circular regarding the rules regulating the Classification of Ponies for the 1940 season:

Ponies will be classified on Monday, 11th March, 1940, provided application in writing is made prior to 5 p.m. by the owner or his authorised agent stating the names of the ponies for which classification is desired.

Subsequent applications for classification or demotion must reach the Secretary not later than forty-eight hours before the time fixed for closing the entries for any Race Meeting.

Ponies will be classified according to the Classification Sub-Committee's opinion of their capabilities. The Classification Sub-Committee will

subsequently promote, demote, or continue in their classes, all ponies, at their discretion.

With the exception of Subscription Ponies of this Club, no application for classification will be considered unless the pony in question has started at a Race Meeting of this Club. Until classification has been obtained in respect of a pony, it will be ineligible to run in other than "A" class and open races, and in all open races such pony will be deemed to be an "A" class pony, and will be subject to all penalties and restrictions imposed on such.

China Ponies will be divided into "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" classes, and Australian Ponies into "A", "B", "C" and "D" classes.

HUNGARY & BALKAN PROBLEMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ISTANBUL, TO-DAY.

HUNGARY DESIRES TO ENTER-TAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH YUGO-SLAVIA, COUNT STEPHEN CSAKY, THE HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DECLARED YESTERDAY IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE TURKISH NEWSPAPER "TAN," OUTLINING HIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY.

Alluding to recent rumours that Hungary was firmly opposed to the policy being pursued by Bulgaria, Count Csaky stressed such rumours were groundless, and emphasised that Hungary and Bulgaria were on the best of terms and were in full agreement with each other's policy.

The Transylvania question might bring about thorny problems, he added, but prevailing circumstances made it imperative that these problems be set aside for the moment. Hungarian-Italian friendship was also stressed by Count Csaky. — Havas.

OBSTRUCTION OF GANGWAYS IN CINEMA

Summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning, the manager of Portland Theatre, was fined \$50 for allowing 26 persons to obstruct the gangways in the cinema on February 15.

Mr. G. C. Moss, of Kowloon Fire Brigade, prosecuted.

Only one smallpox case was notified yesterday, in Victoria. Other diseases reported were 17 tuberculosis, nine dysentery, three diphtheria, two typhoid fever, one measles and one chicken-pox.

KEY MEN NOT JOINING SERVICES

London, To-day.

Both here and in France steps are being taken to see that industry does not suffer from the fact that key-men are in the fighting forces.

The British Army has released 15,000 reservists for three months and the calling up of men engaged on work of national importance is to be postponed.

In France, new labour decrees are designed to leave at their work men who cannot be replaced easily; farm labourers, too, will stay on their farms, and women and children will be drafted to farms where there are not sufficient volunteers. Other occupations in France in which women can take over men's work are now being listed.

Here in Britain, the expansion of industry is reducing the number of unemployed. The February figure was down by 600,000 over the figure for a year ago. — Reuter.

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GOOD BOWLING BY PARSONS AND DENYER

IN THE FIRST ROUND of the Small Units Knock Out Cricket Competition, Royal Engineers beat Royal Army Service Corps by 196 runs at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Feature of the match was a brilliant innings by Sgt. Shipp, which performance completely overshadowed everything else. Hitting at practically everything, Shipp secured no fewer than 26 fours, scored his 131 out of 166 and was undefeated at the close.

In partnership with Major Parsons (9) he added 57 runs for the sixth wicket and with Sgt. Carpenter (8), 49 for the seventh wicket.

Under the circumstances, Clarke's 4 for 35 was an exceptionally good effort.

R.A.S.C., wearied by leather-hunting for Shipp, gave a miserable showing and were all out for 40, Parsons taking 4 for 3 and the inevitable Denyer 3 for 1.

R.E.		
Spr. Bailey, c Logan, b Moore	2	
Spr. Pelham, c Logan, b Clarke	14	
Sgt. Megson, c Morgan, b Logan	29	
Capt. Freeman, b Clarke	14	
Sgt. Denyer, b Clarke	4	
Sgt. Shipp, not out	131	
Major Parsons, l.b.w., b Young	9	
Sgt. Carpenter, l.b.w., b Clarke	8	
Spr. Pike, c Morgan	2	
Spr. Goss, b Moore	3	
Spr. Green, b Moore	0	
Extras (W2, B15, LB3)	20	
	236	

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Moore	6	0	31	3
Logan	4	0	22	1
Young	7	0	36	1
Clarke	7	1	35	4
Smart	1	0	15	0
Govier	2	0	17	0
Benford	3	0	35	0
Morgan	2	0	25	1

R.A.S.C.				
Logan, c Bailey, b Shipp	5			
Young, c Goss, b Parsons	7			
Benford, run out	14			
Glen, l.b.w., b Denyer	7			
Govier, b Parsons	0			
Clarke, st. Bailey, b Parsons	1			
Morgan, c and b Denyer	0			
Smart, not out	2			
Moore, retired	0			
Fare, b Denyer	0			
Matheson, b Parsons	0			
Extras (B4)	4			
	40			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Megson	4	0	9	0
Shipp	5	0	23	1
Parsons	2	1	3	4
Denyer	1	0	1	3

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

There are three matches down for decision this evening in "B" Division of the Badminton League. None, however, have any bearing on the League championship and one-sided games should result.

St. Andrew's, St. Teresa's and King's College should all win without being extended at the expense of V.R.C., Kowloon Tong and K.C.C. respectively.

Following is to-night's badminton programme:

St. Andrew's	v.	V. R. C.
St. Teresa's	v.	Kowloon Tong
K. C. C.	v.	King's College
St. Andrew's-H. Kow and E. F. Fincher;		
B. Gillies and A. E. Brown; A. E. P. Guest		
and A. S. Bliss;		
V.R.C.—F. Castro and A. A. Gutierrez; A.		
K. Rumjahn and J. Sousa; D. M. Xavier		
and S. A. Rumjahn;		
Kowloon Tong—N. A. E. Mackay and P.		
B. C. Fletcher; M. S. Lee and D. Chen;		
R. E. Lee and A. E. H. Castro.		
St. Teresa's—Peter Lo and J. Tsang;		
Austin Ho and J. Lam; John Chen and F.		
Chong.		
King's College—H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui;		
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; S. W. Liang		
and K. H. Lo.		
K.C.C.—A. Zimmermann and H. S. Jones; J.		
L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher; B. C. Kovan		
and T. Mader.		

STIMULATING GAME AT SOOKUNPOO

(By "ADREM")

In strict contrast to the cricket at King's Park, the game at Sookunpoo between Army and Craigengower was adventurous from beginning to end — so adventurous in fact that I am told that several members of the Army team, who doubted the value of League cricket, have now, to a certain extent, changed their minds.

Capt. Grose started it off for Army, hitting lustily from the start. After several months of our local wickets he has now come to the conclusion that the only way to make runs is to hit at nearly everything and this he practiced with great success!

Skipworth's Innings was no less dashing. Hard driving and fierce hooks, some of them right off his nose, were his principal scoring strokes.

Webb maintained his fine League record with 23 but Denyer, only collected 19. I am told an interesting story of the latter. Asked why Denyer had failed so badly in a certain match, a follower of Denyer's local career said that the bowling had been too bad for him (Denyer) to hit! That is Denyer! He breaks the hearts of the best bowlers but is liable to fall victim to some rabbit!

Winch was again Craigengower's most successful bowler with 4 for 24—how thankful Zimmermann must be that he promoted him.

C.C.C. JUST FAIL
Craigengower went for the 186 runs set them from the word "go" and only failed on the post. Ernie Zimmermann played a nice innings of 29 and Francis was responsible for one of his best efforts of the season. Esmail, Hulse, E. A. Lee and A. K. Ismail all made their contributions but after getting to within striking distance, Denyer found a spot with the ball and took three wickets in one over to end a most enjoyable game.

Denyer's 4 for 40 were the best bowling figures but Holmes also did well to take three good wickets for 34.

UNIVERSITY DO WELL
University had a good day and had every reason to be satisfied with their draw with Civil Service, who, although a good team on paper, do not appear able to win matches in the League.

The undergraduates did surprisingly well with the bat considering they were up against a by no means weak batting side, and declared at 174 for 6.

Most of their runs were made by K. Y. Tam, T. Tsui, N. C. Sen Gupta, W. S. Gegg and V. Lingam. Only Fenton was able to do anything with the ball for the Valley team, his four wickets costing 41 runs.

Apart from a hard-hit 70 by W. H. Colledge, and 32 by McLellan, just back to the game after injured feet and camps, Civil Service batsmen did not meet with very much success but they still had three wickets in hand with 146 on the board when stumps were drawn.

Hong Choy returned the best University analysis—4 for 46.

CHAMPS AGAIN

In a friendly 10-pin match yesterday, the Champs beat a representative team from the Alleys by 485.

THE CHAMPS	
Ernie Hearther	181 190 180 238 209 898
Doc Molten	189 161 197 183 180 899
Dick Venezia	144 224 189 173 172 878
Chas Miller	184 145 175 140 170 814
Total	3,580
ALLEY TEAM	
H. Blount	178 143 155 172 147 794
J. H. Watts	141 167 170 128 180 786
G. Somerville	153 163 147 174 140 777
W. J. Balaski	147 140 128 165 158 733
Total	3,095

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

THE first of the fixtures for the Small Units' Cricket K.O. Competition was decided on Sunday. The match was between R.A.M.C. and H.K.S.C. and contrary to all expectations Signals won by 7 wickets.

They owed their success to the fine bowling of Cpl. Blount and L/Cpl. Murphy, whose analyses for the match were 5 for 20 and 6 for 14, respectively. Major Harvey and Sgt. Webb were the only two who had an answer to their wills, and, of the 57 scored by the Medicals, these two put on 38 between them, Sgt. Webb getting 21 and Major Harvey 17.

Blount and Murphy followed up their bowling combination with a stand of 41 and laid the foundation for the ultimate victory of the Signals.

Medicals were without the services of Lt. Coombes, who was injured whilst playing Rugby for the Army on Saturday. They included two newcomers in Pratt and Parkins who although not making a show with the bat showed promise and great keenness in the field.

COLONY TENNIS

Y.P. TSUI'S MANY DOUBLES

(By "ADREM")

There were an extraordinarily large number of postponements in yesterday's tennis programme and only two matches were played in the Open Tournament.

Chief interest for all concerned was in the showing of Tsui Yan-pui, finalist last year. Opposed to T. J. Gould, however, he was not forced to any extent and, although the latter played pluckily and did very well to take four games in the first set, one felt that Tsui was never taking matters too seriously.

Yesterday his service was extremely bad and I have rarely seen so many double-faults served up by any one player in this class of tennis. When roused from his lethargy, Tsui drove very nicely on both the backhand and the forehand but, as he rarely took the forecourt, it was impossible to form any opinion of his form on the volley or overhead.

GOOD SERVICE

Gould's best shot was a flat-racket backhand drive which, with but little more control, he should be able to turn into a useful weapon of attack. In the first set his forehand was weak but later he gained quite a number of points with this stroke.

Gould's best stroke appeared to be his service—his second delivery being accurate and as fast as his first.

In the only other open match, A. R. Kitchell had little difficulty in beating the pat-balling H. Y. Ho.

PAGH'S FINE STROKES

Tennis of a far higher standard was seen in a Club championship match between W. M. Barton and M. Pagh. Both hit very hard all the time and Pagh's finely produced ground-strokes were a pleasure to watch. His steadiness off the ground proved the deciding factor and he won in straight sets.

OPEN SINGLES
A. R. Kitchell beat H. Y. Ho by 6-4, 6-2.
Tsui Yan-pui beat T. J. Gould by 6-4, 6-3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
T. C. Monaghan beat A. K. Mackenzie by 6-2, 6-1.
M. Pagh beat M. M. Barton by 6-4, 6-1.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

OPEN SINGLES	
Pang Oi-lam	v. Lee Hua-kek (1)
S. A. Hussain	v. Chan Kwong-lu (2)
T. A. Pearce	v. Wong Hok-nang (3)
Maraland, Ma	v. E. Zuluat (4)
Kwok Hing-chung	v. O. Rumjahn (7)
Bew Louie	v. O. Umietani (8)
OPEN DOUBLES	
E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung	v. A. Chan and J. Hau (5)
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	
J. S. Theobald	v. V. H. Gordon (4)

The Signals lost their star bat Capt. Whatman some time ago and included a newcomer in Sign. Sharland. This player knocked up a useful 16 not out before the Signals' innings eventually terminated. He should help the Signals team considerably. Signals will meet the winners of 40th Coy., R.E., R.A.O.C. and "B" Coy. M/X, who fight it out in the other half of the competition.

TWO games were completed in Army Rugby League last week the first being R.A.M.C. v 24th Bty. R.A., which was won by the former by 8 points to nil after a grim struggle.

MacDonald, the Medicals' fast three-quarter, opened the scoring for his team with a fine try instigated by Lt. Coombes and carried on by the three-quarters. The other try resulted from a forward rush by Major Curran, Edge and Minney which was eventually touched down by Maj. Curran. Lt. Coombes converted this one.

The game was marred by rough play in the second half which resulted from one of the R.A. players being sent off through arguing with the referee. I gave a friendly warning in my notes a few weeks ago about occurrences of this nature and once again would advise participants in any game to refrain from questioning the conduct of the referee in a belligerent manner no matter how annoying it may be.

If you wish to know the reason for any of his decisions enquire in a civil manner and he should reply accordingly.

I understand the incident has been forgotten by both sides now that the heat of the game has passed and there should be no hard feelings remaining.

Pratt, the newcomer to the Medicals' team, showed a good knowledge of the game and will be an asset to his side now he has settled down. Maher, Johns and Neeble were outstanding for R.A., especially Keeble who is playing very well lately. He has a good kick and had bad luck in this match with a fine attempt at a drop goal in the latter stage of the game.

The second fixture was between R.A.S.C. and 24th Bty. R.A. R.A. did not seem to be upset by playing two games in succession and this time they won by 8 points to nil. The scorers were Dooley and Foster, both of whom scored tries, and Keeble who converted one of these. Minors, who came into the side after a temporary absence, distinguished himself with his fast runs. R.A.S.C., who have great difficulty in turning out a team, have improved greatly but just cannot get on the winning side.

R.E.s were unfortunate to lose to South China last week-end by 1 goal to nil in the play off for the 2nd Division championship. I'm rather inclined to think they are a little bit over-confident and are not putting that little extra bit into their play which goes to make for success. They will be out for revenge in the second game and as they were probably stung by this reverse, will go all out to win. If they go all out from the start I'm convinced they will take the Championship.

R.A.S.C. deservedly took a step nearer the Championship of the 3rd Division when they defeated 24th Bty. R.A., the chief contenders for this honour. The better combination of the Service Corps did not allow itself to be upset by the Gunners' rushing tactics and was the deciding factor in their victory. They have not won the Championship yet, however, and have still 4 points to get the catch up with the leaders.

Remember keep striving—no cheap football capers; 4 points "in the bag" are worth 4 in the papers!

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey this week:

"A" XI against University ("Y" ground, 5 p.m. to-morrow).—Benwell, Jordan and Tomlinson; Smiths, McLellan and Colledge; Corser, Spare, Pennington, White and Highlands.

1st XI against Kumaon Rifles ("Y" ground, 4.15 p.m., Saturday).—Benwell, Taylor and Tomlinson; Kempton, Pennington and Coombe; Smith, Gemmell, White, Elsie and Bates.

2nd XI against Kumaon Rifles (Marina 4.15 p.m., Saturday).—Colledge; Killen and Grant; Ireson, Gluchrist and Broch; Stone, Dormer, Corser, Spare and Banks.

KING'S COLLEGE SPORTS

The tenth annual athletic sports of King's College will be held at Caroline Hill on March 21, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Mrs. H. G. Wallington will distribute the prizes.



Beethoven Concerto
No. 3 in C Minor,
Op. 37

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
7.02 p.m.—Wellknown Ballads.
7.18 p.m.—Band Music.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Variety Programme with
Cicely Courtneidge, Jack Hulbert,
John Henry and Others.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 p.m.—Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Act
III.
Sung by Corrado Zambelli, Giuseppina
Zinetti, Enrico Molinari, Bianca Scaccia-
ti, Francesco Merli, Emilio Venturini
and Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with the
Milan Symphony Orchestra.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

9.55 p.m.—Concert by Yehudi Menu-
hin (Violin) & Eileen Joyce (Piano).
Etude De Concert In A Flat Major (Paul
de Schlozer); Etude De Concert In F
Minor (Liszt); Eileen Joyce (Piano).
Dance Of The Goblins, Op. 25 (Bazzini);
Perpetual Motion, Op. 11 (Paganini).
Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano
accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.
La Danse D'Olaf (from "Deux Lunalres"—
Pick-Manglagalli); Si Oiseau J'Etats, A
Tol Je Volerals—Bird Study (Henselt);
En Route—Concert Study (Selim Palm-
gren); Eileen Joyce (Piano).
La Capricciosa (Ries); Yehudi Menuhin

(Violin) with Piano accomp. by Louis
Persinger.

Variety Programme
With Jack Hulbert
And Cicely

10.24 p.m.—Beethoven—Concerto No.
3 in C Minor, Op. 37.
Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and the London
Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by
Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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GOOD TECHNIQUE

Holding three 4-card suits, it is usually best to bid the one below the singleton, which in to-day's hand hap-
pens to be clubs. After B. Jay Becker of New York had opened with one club, his partner gave him a double raise, showing at least four trumps and a generally strong hand. Without more ado Mr. Becker jumped to a Slam in clubs. He handled the play of the rather ticklish Slam in master-
ful fashion.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ K Q 8 6 3
♣ Q 9 4 3
♠ 10 8 4
♥ 10 9
♦ A J 10 9
♣ 7 5
♠ 10 2
♠ Q J 9 7 3
♥ Q J 6 4
♦ 2
♣ J 6 5
W E S
F

♠ A K 6 5
♥ A 8 3 2
♦ 4
♣ A K 8 7
Mr. Becker

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♦	3♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the ten of hearts. Mr. Becker won in his hand, then played the singleton diamond.

West jumped in with the diamond Ace and returned the Jack.

Here Mr. Becker wisely played low from dummy and trumped in his own hand. Next a heart was led to dummy's King and then Mr. Becker trumped another small diamond in his hand.

The Ace-King of trumps were now

played, following which Mr. Becker cashed his two top spades, discarding the remaining heart from dummy. Next a heart was trumped in dummy, then dummy's Queen of clubs drew East's last trump. Dummy's King-Queen of diamonds then took the last two tricks.

While the play was not inordinately difficult, it required good technique. In particular, it would have been fatal to draw trumps early.

Yesterday, as Howard Schenken's partner, you held:

♠ K Q J 10 x
♥ K x x x
♦ Q J x
♣ x

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Burnstone	Schenken
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades, which is forcing to game. With your fine-spade suit and heart support, you should take no chances of stopping short of a game bid. Score 100% for two spades, 80% for one spade, 30% for three hearts, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 351.

Merwin Maier is your partner to-day and you hold:

♠ K Q J x
♥ A K x x x
♦ Q x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Maier	Schenken
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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MANDATE FOR ARREST

Chungking, To-day.

The National Government issued a mandate yesterday ordering the arrest of 25 of the Wang Ching-wei clique.

They are Fan Chung-yun, Chen Chung-fu, Mei Chieh-chi, Tang Leang-li, Lo Chun-chiang, Chin Hsiung-pei, Fu Shih-yueh, Chu Pu, Chen Chun-po, Ku Chung-sen, Wang Men-yun, Chang Chen-fan, Huang Ta-wai, Tsai Hung-tien, Chang Tai-po, Liu Yun, Huang Hsiang-kü, Chow Fei-cheng, Chang Tze-hsiao, Chang I-cheng, Chang Ke-chang, Huang Chin-tsai, Tang Cheng-po, Chang Teh-chih, and Lu Ying.

Tang Leang-li is editor of the People's Tribune, Chen Chun-po is Wang Ching-wei's personal secretary, and Chen Chung-fu was formerly chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the defunct Hopei-Chahar Political Council.—Central News.

RUMANIAN OIL QUERIES

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons yesterday whether he had received any information in January or February, about an impending deal securing for Germany control over the Rumanian Oil Company (Petrolul Romanesc) the Minister for Economic Warfare said that at the end of January, His Majesty's Government received a report that German agents were attempting to secure control of this Rumanian company and added: "I understand that arrangements have been made by which the Company remains under Rumanian control."

Further questioned, Mr. Cross said: "I do not think it is an important pe-

WHY ARABS SUPPORT THE ALLIES

London, To-day.

Continuing the plebiscite on why the Arabs should support the Allies, the Bay-ruth newspaper "Annahar" publishes a statement by Muhyiddin Nusouli, noted Muslim journalist and politician.

The statement declares: "I want the Allies to win the war because I believe authority should be in the hands of the community and not the individual, nations should not be divided into masters and slaves, and the principles of right and justice should supersede those of Nietzsche and Machiavelli, which have inspired Nazi activities during the last three years."

The statement concludes: "The Democracies have struggled in the last few years against aggressive forces but the bright and happy future which awaits humanity when the Allies win the war is worth all these precious sacrifices, and the Arabs will certainly share the fruits of victory and the happy future." — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 20-15/16 for spot and 20-13 16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$390-3/8.

control corporation, but I am entirely satisfied that it is not under German control."—British Wireless.



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ENGINEERS' ARMY RUGBY "DOUBLE" CHANCE

To Meet Royals In Sevens Final

MILITARY TEAM UNLIKELY TO WIN OPEN TOURNAMENT

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

AFTER WATCHING the Army Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo I am almost sure that no military side will win this year's Blarney Stone Shield competition on March 16.

The Army Final will be between Royal Scots, who would be greatly strengthened by the inclusion of Douglas and Ridsdale, and the holders, Royal Engineers, who are unfortunately without Waite and Artingstall in their back division, and indications point to Royal Scots winning, though I must say I would like to see Sappers complete the "double" — Army League and Army Sevens.

The Final will be played on Monday next, commencing at 3.30 p.m. on the Club ground, Happy Valley, and following this game the Blarney Stone Shield preliminary matches will be played.

R.A.M.C. 0 5TH A.A. "A" 11

Giblin, who caused such a favourable impression in his debut match for Army last Saturday against Navy, stood head and shoulders above the other 13 players in this game and carried his side to victory, scoring all the points himself. Coombes made several openings for Scriven, but the latter misjudged his own pace on every occasion, passing or hesitating instead of continuing his run to the line.

A kick forward by Giblin saw that player secure possession and go over between the posts, only to fail to land a goal. Coombes had an opportunity to level the scores, but his kick from 30 yards was short. Scriven had the line at his mercy soon after following a perfect pass from Coombes, but he slipped and fell when a score appeared certain. An amusing incident occurred almost immediately after, when a Medicals' player attempted to "mark" a punt to touch and allowed Giblin to take the ball right out of his hands and score between the posts to the astonishment of the Medicals' team. Giblin added the goal points and the Gunners led 8-0 at the interval.

Coombes had another attempt to land a penalty goal but it was from a difficult angle and he was wide. Giblin completed the scoring when he broke through and culminated a 30-yard run with a try close in, but he failed to add the points.

5TH A.A. "B" 3. MIDDLESEX "B" 6

The Gunners were one short and, not being allowed to play one of their "A" team, sportingly turned out three forwards and only three backs. They put up an excellent fight and might quite easily have secured a surprise win had Mills landed a goal from 40 yards almost in the first minute. As it was Weedon, the cricketer, gave Middlesex the lead when Jackson needlessly passed to him when Weedon was only a yard from touch. He went over in the corner, but he might well have fumbled the pass or stepped into touch in the course of his 10-yard run to the line. Sheehan failed to convert from some distance out. Middlesex consolidated their position when Weedon again secured a touch down. Jackson failed to kick a goal from a comparatively easy position, the ball rolling over before he kicked.

In the second half Gunners, 6-0 down, scored their only points when Mills kicked a very fine penalty goal from 35 yards out. He had another kick soon after, from 45 yards, but failed.

Mew was outstanding for the losers.

ROYAL SCOTS "A" 7 8TH HEAVY "A" 3

Probably the two best teams in the competition met in this game and Royals, after a real scare in the opening minutes — the Gunners swept all before them in whirlwind style — just about deserved their success, due to their hard-working forwards, though their opening score resulted from what was suspiciously like a forward pass.

Royals were without Douglas, who is still on the injured list, and Ridsdale, who arrived in time to play in the game following, and who was replaced by Ford. They are fancied for the title this year, but they did not play like champions, never quite settling down. Millar was the pick of the side, being always on the ball and being surprisingly fast for his size. Nothing at all was seen of Richards in the Gunners' team and Marsh again failed to use his speed to advantage, nullifying his efforts by hesitant running.

After a heavy onslaught by Gunners, who did everything but score, Pinkerton punted ahead and between he and Millar Royal Scots nearly scored. Soon after Pinkerton, who was not a success as a back, appeared

to pass forward to Ford, who in turn transferred to Cuthbertson, whose pass to Millar also appeared to be forward, but Millar was not pulled up and he went over between the posts, only for Grace to fail with the kick.

Starting the second half 3-0 down, Gunners forwards were unable to stop Millar getting the ball back repeatedly from the frequent line-outs and as a result Royals held a big advantage. During one of their attacks Marshall failed with an attempt at a dropped goal when his obvious policy should have been a dash for the line. A poor pass from Grace to Pinkerton, who had no option but to try and find touch saw the latter's kick charged down by Macdermott, who went over wide of the posts for Marsh to fail with the kick and so level the scores.

Extra time had to be played but in the first minute Grace made amends for early failures by dropping a fine goal to give Royals a 7-3 win.

R.E. 11 ROYAL SCOTS "B" 0

Here was another instance of one man dominating play, and that man was Birrell, whose determined though laborious running provided two of the Engineers' three tries. Ridsdale played fly-half for Royals but was not impressive, lack of speed causing this downfall on almost every occasion. Sappers were without Waite and Artingstall of their regular seven.

An early Royals' attack was relieved by Birrell, who took the ball at his feet until securing a favourable bounce to go over in the corner. He failed to add the goal points and at the interval the holders crossed over with a 3-0 lead. In the second half Foley took the opposition by surprise with a nice cut through the centre and his try between the posts was converted by Jones. Soon after Birrell went over in the corner and was only just wide with a good kick.

Birrell did not spare himself and did a lot of running about, which must have been a source of anxiety to the Engineers in view of their semi-final game ahead.

MIDDLESEX "A" 11 5TH A.A. "A" 0

Having had the advantage of a walk-over in the First Round, Middlesex were a fresh team, but they were held to a pointless first half before they got into their stride. Ferguson showed a good turn of speed and Giblin was too closely marked to be really effective.

Berry attempted to kick a penalty goal from almost the half way line but was well short and almost immediately after Man, the cricketer, fumbled badly in front of the posts and with the line at his mercy. In the second half Man again fumbled a perfect pass from Ferguson when five yards from the line. He made amends soon after, however, weaving his way through the Gunners' defence for a surprise try. Berry failed with a difficult kick. Berry then punted ahead and had the satisfaction of having the ball rebound right into his hands to score close in for Freshwater to convert with an instep kick. Giblin almost broke through from the kick-off, only a knock-on frustrating a typical solo effort.

The last score was the result of an amusing incident, a Gunners' player being tripped and falling with his hand pointing to the referee. He did not bother about the ball which had gone loose and Burrell went over unchallenged much to the chagrin of the soccer player. There was no time for the kick.

ROYAL SCOTS "A" 13. MIDDLESEX "B" 0

Excellent play by Millar was mainly responsible for Royals entering the Final, but not until after Middlesex had given them some anxious moments, for instance, if Hurlock had kept the ball at his feet instead of groping for the ball with his hands and knocking on Middlesex would have opened the scoring from the kick-off.

Grace injured his shoulder early in the game and was off for a few moments, Cuthbertson going to scrum-half, but he pluckily resumed and gave a sterling display of sound touch-kicking. Millar secured possession in a line-out and appeared to give a forward pass to Cuthbertson, who was away in a flash to score between the posts for Grace to add the goal points. In the second half Marshall would have crossed had he run straight—he showed a definite tendency throughout to take the longest route and then show a lack of stamina. Pinkerton, however, made the game safe when he caught the opposition on the wrong foot and, with four men up in support, scored between the posts for Grace to convert, and in the final minute Millar secured possession from a line-out and scored after a 40-

SECOND DIVISION

DROPPED CATCHES COST K.C.C. GAME

(By "ADREM")

BEST JUNIOR CRICKET result on Saturday was the victory of Recreio over the former champions — as such K.C.C. must now be described.

By this accomplishment, the King's Park team are in a favourable position and a success in this Division might yet serve to compensate for the ousting of their first team from their eminence.

Recreio did not have matters all their own way against K.C.C. and, I am told, had K.C.C. held about eight chances that were given them, the result might very well have been reversed.

As it was the visitors had eight wickets down for only 102 but an enterprising innings by A. V. Gosano, given good support by A. E. Noronha, enabled them to total 187.

Chief contributors to Recreio's score, apart from Gosano, were A. M. Prata and Jackie Noronha who both ran into the thirties.

Bertram Lay bowled very well for K.C.C. and, despite the missed chances, returned the very fine figures of 5 for 35.

Losing Mulcahy, their most consistent batsman, K.C.C. appeared likely to save the situation when Francis Lay and Baxter stayed together to add 49 but thereafter the home batsmen offered little resistance. Eric Curtis raised their hopes for a short while when he hit a couple of hefty fours and appeared likely to hit more, but that was as far as it got.

George Gutierrez bowled magnificently and kept a steady length to finish up with 8 for 44, while Lino Gosano, followed up his useful batting with 3 for 18.

AINSLIE DOES WELL

Notwithstanding a fine bowling performance by George Ainslie, who is responsible for the biggest innings in Junior League to date, Police had matters all their own way against Civil Service to win eventually by seven wickets.

Apart from brief resistance offered by Harry Strange and Ainslie, Civil Service

batsmen did little against Pope, Lewis and Danbrowsky and could only scrape together some 67.

Danbrowsky has had a remarkable run of success in recent matches and easily heads the Junior bowling averages.

Police lost Carey and Stephens fairly cheaply but Loughlin, Pope and Clarke knocked off the runs between them.

Other "needle" match of the afternoon was between Craighower and I.R.C. at the Valley. I am told that I.R.C. had a very good chance of scoring an outright win but, with two wickets in hand and only 10 runs to get, they played for a draw.

Tommy Lock, who made 50 not out the previous week, again carried Craighower's batting; his 39 runs being scored as a result of painstaking methods. Lam and Way did well towards the end and added 45 valuable runs.

M. R. Abbas and A. el Arculli were in deadly form with the ball to take 3 for 39 and 6 for 36. There appears to be little doubt that the batsmen were inclined to flatter the bowling but it was very steady nevertheless.

Finding A. M. Omar in his most deadly form, I.R.C. fared little better than their opponents with the bat and only an innings of 30 by M. I. Razaek and another gallant rearguard action by T. Ali—he scored 18 not out against the Police last week—saved them from outright defeat.

Omar was virtually unplayable throughout his 14 overs to finish up with the following fine figure:—

O. M. R. W.
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SEVENS RESULTS

Following are the summarised results of the Army Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo:

FIRST ROUND

Royal Scots "B" received a walk-over from Signals.
Middlesex "A" received a walk-over from 8th Heavy "B".
5th A.A. "A" beat R.A.M.C. 11-0.

SECOND ROUND

Middlesex "B" beat 5th A.A. "B" 6-3.
Royal Scots "A" beat 8th Heavy "A" 7-3.
Royal Engineers (holders) beat Royal Scots "B" 11-0.
Middlesex "A" beat 5th A.A. "A" 11-0.

SEMI-FINALS

Royal Scots "A" beat Middlesex "B" 13-0.
Royal Engineers beat Middlesex "A" 9-5.

* after extra time.

The Final will be played on the Club ground next Monday, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

yard run. There was no time for the kick. MIDDLESEX "A" 5 R.E. 9

Two changes were made in the teams due to injuries. Waite, who will be unavailable for the Final, replacing Jones in the Sappers' team and Wooley coming in for Man in the Middlesex side. Waite's inclusion greatly improved the champions, who fought back well after being 5-0 down in the first five minutes. Waite, incidentally, lost his shorts and his jersey in what is likely to be his last game in the Colony.

Ferguson opened the scoring following a 35-yard run after Waite had tackled him half-heartedly and Berry easily converted from in front of the posts. Birrell then almost hurled himself over during loose play on the Middlesex line and from the subsequent scrum Foley cut through in the corner. Birrell failed with the difficult kick. During this onslaught Ferguson was injured and he was limping for the rest of the game. Martin gave Sappers a 6-5 interval lead when he broke through the centre. Birrell unaccountably missing the kick in front of the posts.

Middlesex never gave up and early in the second half only a high pass to Ferguson robbed them of a golden opportunity to secure the lead once again. Birrell, who was as fresh as in his first match, clinched the issue when he made a 40-yard run for a touch down close in. Waite's kick at goal was disallowed due to Foley having grounded the ball too early.

The Teams

Following were the teams:
R.A.M.C.—Macdonald, Coombes, Scriven, Pratt, Mohan, Edge and Milne.
5th A.A. "A"—Sutcliffe, Giblin, Mulligan, Lewis, Evans, Mullen and Clarke.
5th A.A. "B"—Selway, Banner, Silver, Mills, Mew and Barnes. (Six only).
Middlesex "B"—Jackson, Sheehan, Weedon, Moggeridge, Wilson, Silham and Hurlock.

Royal Scots "A"—Marshall, Pinkerton, Ford, Grace, Millar, Sutherland and Cuthbertson.

8th Heavy "A"—Keble, Marsh, Richards, Hook, Macdermott, Cooke and Plummer.

Royal Scots "B"—Cody, Loughlin, Fairley, Ridsdale, Lane, Coombes and Pursey.

Royal Engineers—Jones, Birrell, Martin, Foley, Brinkley, Apperley and Sheldrake.

Middlesex "A"—Freshwater, Ferguson, Man, Jones, Berry, Hewitt and Burrell.

TO-DAY'S GAME

Following will represent Club "A" against Army "A" to-day at the Valley at 6 p.m.—Roscoe; Wilson, Smith, Day and D. Hynes; Thomson and Morgan; Wanklyn, Castleton, Macrae, Hackett, B. Hynes, Stoker, Beattie and Benn.



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GREAT EFFORTS BY RECREIO IN TENSE LAST HALF HOUR

PATERSON, BISHOP IN BIG STAND

(By "ADREM")

In the only friendly match on Saturday, University had much the worst of the argument with Hong Kong Cricket Club juniors and, with only one wicket in hand when stumps were drawn, were 60 runs behind.

Chiefly responsible for Cricket Club's big score of 178 for 7 dec. were R. S. W. Paterson and C. W. E. Bishop, who took part in a big stand for the seventh wicket which added 73 in 51 minutes. Divett also stayed in for some time to help Bishop to add 49 for the eighth wicket.

University's best batsmen were Kenneth Lo and N. Singh, while H. J. D. Lowe took 4 for 33 for Club.

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FIVE K.C.C. MEN HELPED WIN LAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Kowloon's success in the Senior Cricket League this season is the seventh occasion on which they have won the championship. They first accomplished this feat in 1905/6 and the last time prior to this season was in 1935/6.

Of the members of the eleven who helped to win the last championship, the following also played this season: F. Goodwin (once), E. C. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher and R. E. Lee, while Goodwin and E. F. Fincher were also members of the 1926/7 and 1929/30 teams. E. C. Fincher played in the last-mentioned season but was a member of Civil Service in 1926/7, turning out for Kowloon the following year.

The following teams will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.
1st XI v C.C.C. at H.K.C.C.—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Surg. Lt. Com. W. G. Finnie, J. H. Fox, M. F. L. Haynes, H. Owen Hughes, A. K. Mackenzie, D. McLellan, J. L. C. Pearce, A. E. Perry, J. E. Richardson and E. W. Stout.
2nd XI v D.B.S. at D.B.S. ground.—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. P. Charlton, C. G. Godfrey, D. O. Parsons, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, L. C. Smith, T. M. Sulter and I. P. Tamworth.

J. M. GOSANO FIELDS BRILLIANTLY

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH THEY did not cover themselves with glory by any manner of means, Kowloon Cricket Club drew with Recreio on Saturday and thus won the Senior Cricket League as Craigenower, only other team in the running, was beaten by Army in a thrilling match at Sookunpoo.

Despite the fact that the cricket never reached a very high standard, it was nevertheless rarely dull to the large crowd of spectators. Indeed, the last half hour, when Recreio were all on their toes and K.C.C. were striving dourly to keep their ends up, excitement was intense.

Honours of the match went to E. L. Gosano, Willie Reed and "Nolly" Silva, for Recreio, and Robbie Lee and Donald Anderson for Kowloon, although the finest feature was the brilliant manner in which the Recreio field backed up their bowlers.

Teddy Fincher won the toss for K.C.C. and put Recreio in. Left-handed L. G. Gosano all but demoralised Lee, hitting the opening bowler for several nice fours on the leg. Gosano batted soundly, defending well, and hooking anything short with great power. He also utilised a nice square cut, well-timed but not very powerful. He was finally given out caught behind the wicket—a verdict receiving a mixed reception.

Most polished innings for Recreio, however, was Eddie Gosano's 36, which must rank as one of his finest of the season.

Usually an aggressive bat, Gosano took no liberties with the accurate bowling of Lee and Lloyd and defended stoutly when wickets were falling fast. Later he opened up and just before he gave an easy catch to Hung at short leg, off Anderson, hit that bowler for two beautiful fours.

IMPETUOUS REED

Recreio's goose now appeared to be cooked as seven of their best wickets were down for 89. But there was still Willie Reed; he spent the early part of his stay in just getting a sight of the ball; the most tempting stuff was just patted back. Later the bowlers catered to his favourite stroke—the leg-glance—and four after four resulted.

Silva, who assisted him to add 69 in 43 minutes, never appeared too sure of himself but made great efforts when he was given anything pitched up. With the score at 150 for 7, Rodrigues declared; Reed was not out 49. Most of his runs had been scored by square-cutting, leg-glancing and powerful hooking, not once did he attempt anything in the nature of a drive, although he received half-volleys in plenty.

Lee bowled some beautiful balls—they took the wickets of J. M. Gosano and Rodrigues, both out first ball, and Beltrac—but later tired perceptibly and lost his length, although he stuck grimly to his task throughout.

Lloyd met with scant success on a wicket which gave him little assistance. He was able to turn the ball a lot, but so slowly that it was an easy matter to keep him out.

ANDERSON AND LEE SAVE SIDE

Had it not been for a fine defensive innings by Anderson, supported later by Robbie Lee, K.C.C. would probably have lost.

E. L. Gosano bowled very well in his first few overs and had Anderson in all sorts of trouble but, feeling the effects of his long innings, soon tired. Ozorio, like Lloyd, was turning too slowly to be effective and proved surprisingly easy to play.

Under normal circumstances he might have had an expensive afternoon, but with batsmen concentrating on just stopping there, he was flattered a good deal. With the dismissal of Hung, who was just beginning to settle down, K.C.C. had a further setback when Mackay, after staying for a couple of overs, was bowled by a nicely-flighted ball from Ozorio. E. F. Fincher, however, stayed a long time although only scoring seven and when he was bowled by a good one from Pereira, the time was fairly advanced.

Two wickets then went down quickly. Lloyd was called for a sharp run by Anderson and was run out and Burnett, after just escaping a similar fate, was snapped up by J. M. Gosano in the gully.

INTERESTING SITUATION

It was an interesting situation. K.C.C. still had some good bats to go but the light was falling fast and the Recreio attack and field were on their toes. Another quick wicket and anything might have happened.

Robbie Lee, however, saved the day. Apart from one bad shot which soared over slips, with all three leaping vainly after it, with arms extended, he took no further chances. Leaving everything off the wicket, severely alone, he played a dead bat to anything that might have hit the stumps, and try as Recreio did, they met with no further success.

Pereira had bowled very aggressively and fully deserved the best analysis of the innings.

The fielding was all so good that it would be invidious to single out any one player for special mention, but the brilliance of Jerry Gosano, at cover, had to be seen to be appreciated.

He was on anything that came his way like a flash of lightning and his throwing-in was invariably 100 per cent. accurate.

K.C.C. might have chosen the less spectacular course of winning the League but I don't think they are altogether to be blamed. I am certain, in any event, that their opponents thought none the less of them for adopting their tactics of Saturday afternoon.

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One of the accused is a Hollander and the other a German named Heinrich Drever.

Recent espionage affairs in Holland motivated the recent declaration by the Minister of Justice announcing the drastic repression of all such cases in future.—Havas.

NO ACUTE DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED

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"Giornale d'Italia" points out the British Government's wish to settle the question amicably.

Despatches from Paris state that France is willing to supply Italy with cheap coal.

FRENCH COAL?

"Stampa" says: "France might agree to deliver coal to Italy against agricul-

FRENCHMAN WITHOUT HIS APERITIF

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

France yesterday spent an almost drink-less day and many a parched throat longed for the morrow — for drinks may only be served in cafes, etc., on certain days of the week, and not on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Between 6 and 7 p.m. is France's famous "aperitif hour," when every respectable Frenchman has his aperitif. This has now been stopped.

Wine, however, is not prohibited and certain cafe habitués were heard to remark that, after all, that there is nothing quite so good as a glass of white wine!

One cafe invited its customers to sample its "Triple-V" cocktails. When asked what these were, the proprietor said that it was made up of one-third each of three famous Silent Waters with the letter "V" as their initial! — Havas.

tural products and not against war material, as Britain had requested."

In Berne, the general impression is that both London and Rome are anxious to settle the dispute.

It is expected that Italy will take the initiative, and will suggest a general conference to elaborate a plan for protecting the rights of belligerents without hindering neutrals.—Havas.

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Anger (France), To-day.

Complete faith in an Allied victory was affirmed by General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, in a speech at the fourth session of the Polish National Council here yesterday.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Reports coming in this morning from Chinese territory state that hailstones, some five inches in diameter fell during a storm on Monday morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

Helsinki, To-day.

Three hospitals some distance from the front were bombed yesterday; 10 patients were killed in one hospital and four in another, while many were wounded.

The towns of Mikkeli, Kuopio and Lahti, all without military importance, were bombed. Eight were killed and many wounded.

Passengers on a train reaching Helsinki yesterday say it was machinegunned near Lahti by low-flying aircraft.—Reuter.

Subject to audit, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account of the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Limited at the 31st December, 1939, including \$26,855.88 brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$109,246.33, which the Directors at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1940, will recommend appropriating as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 40 cents per Share on	
200,000 Shares	\$80,000.00
Carry forward to next Account	29,246.33
	\$109,246.33

TWO KILLED IN BORDER INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

It is felt here that the incident on the Rumanian-Bulgarian border in which two men were killed and two seriously wounded will not develop into a major cause.

These incidents are relatively frequent, it is said, as certain elements are anxious to stir up trouble.

On the other hand, it is said, Bulgarian-Rumanian relations are growing better every day.

The new Bulgarian Ambassador who arrived yesterday was very warmly greeted.—Havas.

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